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The 1999 Harvest Queen is Donna Margarita Dixon, daughter of Lawrence and Margarita Dixon of Belle Glade. Donna is a senior at Glades Day School and was sponsored by R.C. Hatten Farms.
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Black Gold week kicked off with Children's Fishing Contest and Harvest Queen

By Brenda Bunting
Editor

Kids, parents and grandparents were as far as the eye could see around the rim canal at the annual Black Gold Jubilee Children's Fishing Contest Saturday morning.

Organizers said over 1,000 people attended the event and 418 children participated in the fishing contest. Fire Chief Steve Rice said firefighters were hoping for over 500 children, "but we're happy with this turnout."

Belle Glade Fire Rescue sponsors the children's fishing contest each year. This year, the firefighters held a golf tournament to help raise money for the event. In doing so, they were able to give each child a tackle box filled with tackle, and a free t-shirt and cap. They also gave away 10 bicycles, bicycle helmets, and many other prizes.

Trophies were given to children in three categories, total weight, largest fish and smallest fish. Tory Tyler won in the Toddler Division for total weight; Kyle Monti won in Division I for total weight; Terry Garnto won in Division II for total weight and Ryan Woodard won for total weight in Division III. Jessica Guzman won the smallest fish category and Maryann Tristan won for biggest fish.

The Black Gold Jubilee Harvest Queen Pageant was also held Saturday. Sponsored by the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center and the Belle Glade Lions Club, the event was held at the Dolly Hand and featured 14 Glades beauties.

Donna Margarita Dixon was chosen the 1999 Harvest Queen. Amy Elizabeth Hendricks was first runner up. Second runner up was Nicole Rivas and third runner up was Krystal Diane

Cavinee. Melissa Faye Miller won fourth runner up and Mary-Anne Noelle Hollingsworth was named Miss Congeniality. Master of Ceremonies was Chief of Police and Director of Public Safety Michael R. Miller.

Pageant Coordinator was Cathy Lee and Pageant Choreographer was Deena Lee Samm. Becky White was the Pageant Committee Chairperson and escorts were Josh Crawford and Israel "Boo" Baez.

The main Black Gold Jubilee events are this coming Saturday, April 24, beginning with a 5K Walk/Run at 7:30 a.m. at the Belle Glade Municipal Golf Course and continuing with a 10 a.m. parade down Main Street.

Activities will then move to the Belle Glade Marina where there will be all-day events, including a wide variety of free children's activities, including a super slide, rock climbing wall, baby crawl, "muck" eating contest and much more. There will also be a food court, featuring swamp cabbage, barbecued ribs, muck sausage, sator tators and many desserts.

For those who enjoy watching sports, there will be a volleyball tournament. Entertainment will be provided by local talent, such as Kaley Schlechter, Tracy Mikell, Julie Temple and Emily Cavinee and big name entertainers, including Artie Ketcham, Nicole Niles and headliner Jeff Carson. Fireworks will begin at dusk. There will also be a performance by Glades Day's Chorus, Holly Mohney, the Hi Energy Dance Team, a Keyboard Recital, First Baptist Chorus, Miss Beth's Dance Team, Delton's Karate Kids, Denim & Lace Dancers, and the Wellington Twirlers.

For more information on this weekend's activities, see the Black Gold Jubilee insert in this week's edition of The Sun.



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Pahokee firefighters plead with commission

By Debra Miller
Staff Reporter

Pahokee City Commissioners were surprised by the large crowd of firefighter, police officers and emergency medical technicians along with paramedics who packed the small commission chambers during a workshop meeting held Tuesday night.

The standing room only crowd, mostly Pahokee city employees in fear of retaliation, stood by and watched as their comrades one after the other told the city commission about allegations of wrongdoing by Fire Chief Gary Burroughs.

The department workers accusations range from endangering the lives of fellow firefighters to temper tantrums allegedly thrown by the chief.

Right away Mayor Alvis Davis took control of the work-

shop meeting asking City Manager Ken Schenck to explain some of the allegations made during the last commission meeting in which Joe James told the commission several things were going on within the department that he would like explained in more detail by Chief Burroughs.

After the last meeting the commission told Mr. Schenck to return tonight with some answers to questions.

The first allegation was that firefighters were no longer allowed to help in emergency situations. They could not ride in the ambulance with patients and must hand over the patient to emergency medical personnel as soon as they arrive.

According to firefighters if a situation arose in which EMT's See FIREFIGHTERS/Page 2

Low level discharges from lake to begin this week

The South Florida Water Management District has coordinated with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to begin low-level discharges from Lake Okeechobee, to the St. Lucie Estuary early this week.

To improve ecological conditions in both the St. Lucie Estuary and Lake Okeechobee, the district is requesting that the Corps make limited beneficial releases of 365 cubic feet per second (cfs) from the St.

Lucie Lock through the St. Lucie River for a maximum of 10 consecutive days.

Water levels in Lake Okeechobee have been much higher than average during the past five years, according to the District, affecting the health of the lake. Mud sediments have moved from the middle of the lake to areas near the shore, making the water more turbid. This causes less light to reach the lake bottom, resulting in the loss of some aquatic plants. Wave action has uprooted vast areas of submerged plants, causing them to lose their ability to stabilize these sediments and provide an important habitat for fisheries. This vegeta-

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Fishing with gramps...Two-year-old Hannah Bonnell gets help from her grandpa, Phil Bonnell at Saturday's Black Gold Jubilee Children's Fishing Contest. Over 400 children turned out for the event.
SUNPHOTO by Brenda Bunting

Purchase of Glades General finalized; Hospital Administrator Gene Faile resigns

By Brenda Bunting
Editor

Officials at Province Healthcare took over ownership of Glades General Hospital last week. They purchased the 73-bed Belle Glade hospital from the Palm Beach County Healthcare District for approximately \$15,150,000, excluding working capital.

Chief Executive Officer Gene Faile, who had previously expressed a desire to continue as the administrator if Province took over, announced his resignation the same week. His last day was Friday, April 16.

Jeffrey Atwood, director of corporate communications, said Mr. Faile expressed a desire to pursue other interests and was not forced to leave. Many employees at the hospital were saddened to learn of Mr. Faile's resignation. Employees threw a party for him on Friday.

Mr. Faile had served as the administrator at the hospital for two years and had overseen many improvements, including helping the facility realize a substantial profit after Everglades Regional Medical Center in Pahokee closed and many patients started using Glades

General. The hospital reported net revenues of approximately \$25 million for its most recent fiscal year.

Mr. Atwood said an interim CEO, Jim Seward, has been hired and started Monday, April 19. Mr. Seward will fill in until a new CEO is hired.

In a press release April 14, Martin S. Rash, president and chief executive officer of Province Healthcare said, "We are very excited to have Glades General Hospital as part of the Province family. Province is solely committed to providing top-quality care and service to people in areas just like the Glades. We expect to add needed services, build relationships with the existing physicians, recruit additional physicians as needed, upgrade the facility, and ultimately build a replacement hospital."

Province, based in Brentwood, Tennessee, owns or leases 12 general acute care hospitals in eight states with a total of 880 licensed beds. The company also provides management services to 52 primarily non-urban hospitals in 18 states and Puerto Rico with a total of 3,714 licensed beds.

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needed their assistance they were not allowed to help.

Some firefighters say that in a recent incident firefighters were told they were not allowed to assist the paramedics during a cardiac arrest in which the woman died.

Mr. Schenck told the commission firefighters are allowed to a help until they are no longer needed.

"Firefighters are first to respond, but when the ambulance shows up it is their responsibility," said Mr. Schenck. "If we are needed to assist the ambulance personnel then we will do so."

According to Mr. Schenck the problem started when the ambulance showed up on the scene and ambulance personnel stood back and let firefighters handle the incident.

Mr. Schenck said the fire department responses to all calls they are dispatched to from the county.

Other allegations raised by the firefighters were incidents of poor behavior on the part of the Fire Chief.

They claimed he had been caught yelling at employees and throwing objects in the department.

Mr. Schenck told the commission he had heard several different stories concerning this matter and would not respond to those allegations.

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lake has been naturally deposited along the shore of the lake, forming a muck berm in areas and impacting fish habitat such as burbot, Kissingmoe grass, and eelgrass communities.

The Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission has documented declines in the black crappie fishery. At recent public meetings, fishing guides and sport fishermen also have reported a decrease in the fish populations. Biologists concur that lower lake levels down to

In regard to the department hiring a firefighter with a poor driving record, he stated an investigation was being conducted into that matter and the new hire was under a six month probation.

In another allegation, the fire chief was accused of not properly advertising the need for additional firefighters.

During the workshop meeting Mr. Schenck told commissioners and the audience that an advertisement had been placed in local newspapers concerning the replacement of full time firefighters at the department, which is down to three firefighters and nine volunteers.

However, Brenda Bunting, Editor and General Manager of *The Sun* disagrees with Mr. Schenck.

"In looking at our records over the past three months, we can find nowhere that the City of Pahokee has advertised these positions in *The Sun*," said Mrs. Bunting.

Several other issues were discussed during the meeting. Numerous firefighters who had quit the department in the last few weeks told commissioners they left because of poor treatment and said that maybe if the chief was a little nicer to them they would not have left.

Firefighters claimed the chief has placed them in serious life threatening situations.

Gregory James told the com-

mission he believes the chief does not value the lives of the firefighters.

Mayor Davis, asked Chief Burroughs if he would like to respond to these allegations.

Chief Burroughs told the commission his role tonight was to listen to the allegations and to respond to them in writing at the next commission meeting.

"I am here to resolve all of these issues myself and I do value the life of employees," said Chief Burroughs.

Chief Burroughs is expected to discuss many of the firefighters complaints at the Tuesday, April 27 regular commission meeting.

After the meeting firefighters said things have to change at the department.

One unidentified man said "We are upset that some residents would think that during this type of problem within the department, that we would not do our job correctly."

We are professionals and when we are needed we will be there for the residents. Some of us feel that the good old boy system is not working anymore and something has to be done about the Chief and if necessary with the city manager himself.

We love Pahokee. We have gotten to know the residents here and we just want to be treated like the professionals we are."

samples will be analyzed for chlorophyll, nutrients, and metals.

Florida Oceanographic Society volunteers will monitor the water daily at various sites, and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection will monitor turbidity in the St. Lucie River at the Roosevelt Bridge in Stuart. Fisherman and boaters have been asked to report any irregularities on the river to the District's Martin/St. Lucie service center. The contact is Patti Sims at (561) 2223-2600, ext. 3603.

The Indians know how to make it rain

By Mike Lyons

So, what's tomorrow's weather going to be like? It's a question I hear on a regular basis whether I'm picking up my shirts at the dry cleaner, shopping at the grocery store or just jogging around the block.

Lately, lots of folks have been wondering if it is going to rain anytime soon. Others ask when we can expect another cold front before the unrelenting heat and humidity of summer rolls into town.

Whatever the season or the question, it is something I have come to expect whenever someone recognizes me as "that guy on TV." I can usually come up with an answer to just about any question but occasionally I'm asked to do more than forecast the weather. Every once in a while, someone asks if I can control the weather.

"My grass is brown. Can you make it rain, Mike?"

Obviously, my influence with Mother Nature is limited just predicting tomorrow's forecast is difficult enough. Still, some meteorologists have tried to exert some dominion over Mother Nature.

Scientists have successfully seeded clouds to produce rain and snow. Other researchers have created methods to disperse fog and attract lightning bolts. In the 1960's, the National Hurricane Center endeavored unsuccessfully to weaken a hurricane.

Research into weather modification continues but most meteorologists will tell you that it's not nice to fool with Mother Nature. But, Native Americans



Mike Lyons

disagree.

America's Indians have always been able to predict and, some claim, control the weather. As Hartley Burr Alexander writes in "The World's Rim: Great Mysteries of the North American Indians" (University of Nebraska Press), "the entire culture of Indians seems built up out of prayer for rain."

That "prayer for rain" often comes in the form of a rain dance. Elaborate ceremonies associated with rainfall are not only important to Native Americans but have become part of their civilization, especially for Indians who lived in the arid southwestern part of the country.

Rainfall was the difference between life and death for the Hopi Indians of Arizona. To obtain that vital rainfall, the Hopi's created an extraordinary rain dance.

It begins with male members of the tribe gathering as many snakes as they can find. The snakes are placed into a small shelter made of cottonwood

limbs in the center of the village.

The Indian priests pick up the snakes one by one, place them in their mouths, and dance around with them. The priests will dance with every snake - as many as 80 - before the ceremony is completed.

The Hopi's believe the dance transforms the snakes into messengers to the gods of the underworld. Snakes are chosen for their rain dance because they resemble lightning bolts.

Surprisingly, storm clouds of ten form following the dance. Perhaps, Indian rain dances are successful because Indians are more attuned to nature. Some say the Indians know when a storm is blowing in. That was certainly the case in the summer of 1926. Chief Billy Bowlegs of the Seminoles moved his entire tribe deep into the Everglades just days before a huge hurricane hit Miami.

The Chief knew the storm was coming because he saw the signs in nature: the migration of rats and rabbits to the North, the barking of alligators and the blooming of the saw grass.

A few weeks after the hurricane hit, a meteorologist in Miami was asked about the Chief's forecast. "We make mistakes," he said. "But, those Indians never miss."

Since our dry spell began in early February, folks have been suggesting that I do some kind of rain dance. I don't think I'm qualified but I know some people who are.

Mike Lyons is the chief weather forecaster for WPBF-TV.

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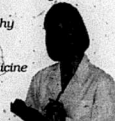
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ER Chronicles: A pretty nasty infection



By Arlen R. Stauffer, M.D.

"Mr. Landon, when did this actually start?" Dr. Tammy Cortez tried to gain some useful information from her elderly patient. The ER was busy this day; she had to get the pertinent facts in just a couple minutes.

"You know, Doc. I didn't feel very good all day... yesterday." A couple beads of sweat ran onto the distinguished gray beard as John Landon struggled to breathe. He couldn't speak a whole sentence without gulping an extra breath.

"Were you having trouble breathing then?"

"No, I didn't feel that... until today."

An emergency nurse was starting an IV in John's left arm. Another looked up from her monitoring instruments.

"Dr. Cortez, his temp is 103, and his oxygen saturation is only 86 percent."

Cortez nodded, then turned back to John. "You've got quite a fever, John. Have you been having any chills?"

"I shook the whole bed... last night." Now John was pulling deep breaths over the oxygen tubing the nurse was slipping in his nose. However, the deep breaths caused another round of a very deep-sounding cough.

Cortez continued questioning her patient while simultaneously examining his ears, throat, and neck. John did his best to provide answers.

"I don't think I ever... had no pneumonia... before, Doc."

Cortez listened intently to John's lung sounds with her stethoscope.

"Well, Mr. Landon, your lungs sound like they have some infection in them. With your high fever and shortness of breath, I suspect there may be some pneumonia. We'll do some

tests to make sure. You sure you're not having any chest pains?"

John shook his head.

Turning to the nurses, Cortez rattled off several orders, then hurried toward a crying child in the next room.

John allowed his head to relax back into the pillow. Another needle was in his arm, and a nurse filled several small tubes with his blood.

"Could my wife come... in here with me?"

"Sure, Mr. Landon. I'll get her as soon as we have all of your tests cooking. Now, sit back and try to relax. You should feel a little better as you get some extra oxygen, and we'll let that Tylenol bring your temperature down a little."

Soon, John's stretcher was rolling toward Radiology. The X-ray film plate was cold as John pressed against it.

"OK, John, we're going to shoot a couple pictures of your lungs." The X-ray technologist positioned John carefully behind the large tube. "Take a real deep breath and then hold it. Hold it. OK, now you can breathe again."

Back in the ER, with his wife

at his side, John tried to relax. "I don't know what's taking them so long," John grumbled.

"Now, John, we've only been here about an hour. Remember, the doctor said they were doing lots of tests." Mrs. Landon always seemed so practical.

A few minutes later, Cortez hustled back into John's room. Her face reported her concern.

"What's wrong, doctor?" Mrs. Landon was genuinely worried.

"Yes, Ma'am, I'm Dr. Cortez. I'm afraid your husband does have pneumonia, and it seems to be a pretty nasty infection. It's causing the oxygen level in his blood to go down, and it's making him very sick. He'll need to stay in the hospital for treatment, so I'll call his regular doctor and get him admitted."

Cortez paused.

"What caused this?" John spoke softly.

"Sir, it looks like some bacteria are causing pneumonia in your lungs. We'll get you started on some antibiotics right away."

John's fretful wife took his hand, then looked up at Cortez.

"Will he be OK?"

"Usually, we can stop these infections with antibiotics and

therapy to get those lungs cleared out. We're going to start that treatment now."

Blocking over at the nurse, Cortez continued, "Let's get some antibiotics for Mr. Landon."

Cortez and the nurse walked toward the Medication Room.

The Landons looked each other in the eye. They both drew apprehensive deep breaths.

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Bacterial pneumonia remains a leading cause of death around the world, and accounts for nearly 10 percent of hospital admissions in this country.

Although bacteria can establish an infection in the lung tissue after inhalation of infectious particles from the air, or even be spread through the blood from another organ, the most common method of infection comes from "aspiration" of bacteria from the nose, mouth or throat. Such aspiration occurs when saliva or mucus is accidentally drawn down the trachea and into the normally clean and sterile lungs.

While 70 percent of normal healthy people aspirate saliva or mucus during sleep, the human body employs several

techniques that help keep the lining clear of bacteria. These include a very efficient movement of the normal mucus up and out of the lungs, a cough reflex, and some special types of cells that attack and kill bacteria that actually reach the lung.

However, these defenses sometimes break down or are overwhelmed in certain circumstances, especially in debilitated, weak or chronically ill patients. Factors that increase the risk of contracting pneumonia include cigarette smoking and problems that interfere with the normal cough or gag reflexes. Examples are stroke, emphysema, seizures, diabetes, alcoholism, drug abuse, and malnutrition.

The cornerstone of treatment is antibiotic therapy. Many of our bacteria are exposed to more and more antibiotics, some are becoming more resistant to the common medications. Appropriate fluids, oxygen and actions that help clear the lungs are also helpful.

Dr. Stauffer, an emergency physician in New Smyrna Beach, is a member of the Florida College of Emergency Physicians.

Dieters beware: One diet does not fit all

Every time a new diet fad goes around, people jump on the bandwagon, hoping to at last find an easy way to lose weight.

For those with health problems, trying the latest diet can be dangerous or even fatal.

A few months ago, a low carbohydrate diet became popular. It was prescribed by some doctors for certain patients and they lost weight.

They told their friends, who also tried the diet.

Some who tried this low or no carbohydrate, high fat diet wound up in the hospital.

Just because a doctor prescribed a certain diet for a friend, doesn't mean that diet is safe for you. It's a little like taking someone else's prescription medication.

In the case of the low carbohydrate diet, it was prescribed for patients with certain metabolic conditions. Under a doctor's care, the diet was safe and even beneficial for these people. But because the diet was high-fat it was very dangerous for anyone with high blood pressure or heart problems.

Those who are on prescription medication must be especially careful about

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what they eat. For example, those who are on blood thinners are often advised to stay away from green, leafy vegetables. These foods are very nutritious, low fat, high in vitamins BUT, they also interact with the drugs.

Certain foods can stop a prescription drug from working properly or even speed up its effects.

How do you know if a diet is safe for you? Ask your family doctor. If, during a regular checkup, your doctor advises

you to lose weight, ask him (or her) to recommend a diet plan.

If you don't have any health problems and aren't on medication, most dietitians recommend a low-fat diet that includes plenty of fresh fruits and vegetables.

Here's a sample day's menu from *Low Fat Living* by the editors of *Prevention Magazine*.

Breakfast:
Whole grain cereal
Banana
Nonfat milk
Midmorning snack:
Lunch: fat yogurt
Non-fat
Greek pasta salad (made with spinach fettuccine, vegetable broth, olive oil, vinegar, garlic, basil, oregano, feta cheese, spinach, cucumber, onion and tomatoes)
Whole wheat bread
Mid afternoon snack
Carrot sticks
Dinner:
Chicken Cutlets
Lemon Linguine Parmesan
Salad

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On another health issue, is your laun-

dry making you sick?

A recent Associated Press article about microbiologist Charles Gerba indicates bacteria thrives in American washing machines.

Mr. Gerba, a microbiology professor at the University of Arizona, studied 50 homes in Arizona and 50 in Florida. He found coliform bacteria, an indicator of unsanitary conditions, including the presence of diarrhea-causing *E. coli*, present in many washing machines.

"They originate in feces, and we found that 60 percent of the washing machines had coliform bacteria. We just went in and swabbed your washing machine," Mr. Gerba told the Associated Press. "And about 10 percent had *E. coli* in them."

His researchers also found that the bacteria gets into the washing machine from underwear and often lingers in the machine to contaminate the next load of laundry as well.

Bacteria such as salmonella, which causes food poisoning, and viruses including hepatitis A and those most commonly causing childhood diarrhea, rotavirus and adenovirus, also were targeted.

While *E. coli* was killed in the perma-

nent press drying cycle, some salmonella survived the drier. So did hepatitis A, adenovirus and some rotavirus.

There is also a danger that those who take clothes out of the washer and put them into the drier can get germs on their hands. These germs can then be spread to the next thing touched. If the laundry room is near the kitchen, the laundry handler may accidentally contaminate food.

Mr. Gerba stated that part of the problem is that people tend to use cool or warm water to wash clothes. While the clothes may get clean, the water isn't hot enough to kill bacteria. And few people routinely use bleach to kill germs in their laundry.

What can you do to protect your family?

- Wash underwear separately from other clothes. If possible, use hot water and/or bleach or one of the new detergents that disinfect.
- After washing underwear, run a cycle with bleach through the machine to kill any remaining bacteria. You don't have to use hot water; the bleach will kill the bacteria.
- Always wash your hands with a disinfectant soap before handling food.

The Older Eye Needs More Light

(NAPSA)-You may want to keep an eye on news on "aging eye."

Have you ever advised someone to turn up the lights so they can see better? Perhaps they were reading and, to you, the light level seemed to be too low.

How can they read under such conditions, you might have wondered. Well, if they were younger than you, the lighting problem you perceive may be your own, not theirs. As an older person, you are the one subject to the effects of "aging eye."

What is "aging eye"? As we grow older, especially over the age of 40, our eyes may begin to gradually experience both retinal dysfunction and heightened contrast sensitivity. Our pupils become smaller, our ability to see clearly lessens, and we grow more sensitive to

brightness and glare. Our aging eyes now need more light to be able to see things as clearly as they did decades before.

Older Americans are increasing at a rapid rate due to advances in medicine and living a healthier lifestyle. By 2030, there will be more Americans over age 65 than under 17. To accommodate the needs of older people, who can be more dependent on their immediate environment, changes in interior design, to include lighting, need to be made.

When it comes to seniors at home, achieving even, balanced light throughout the living space is important. Here's where you can start:

- Supplement overhead, indirect lighting in individual rooms with more "task" lighting-lighting specifically aimed at

surfaces where tasks are performed, like kitchen counters and reading areas.

- Always shield lamps with shades-a naked bulb can create a harsh glare. Table lamps can be supplemented to standing lamps in the corners of the room.

- For hallways, install wall sconces to light a path to the bathroom or the next room. Connect the lights to a dimmer switch.

If you can't do it yourself, electrical contractors can add track lights, wall sconces and install dimmers.

For a visual tour of the many ways you can improve your home lighting, both for aesthetic and safety's sake, you can order a video copy of Lightolier's Designing with Light Home Lighting Kit by calling 1-800-544-5983.

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Michael R. Miller, director of public safety/chief of police responds: "The City of Belle Glade is currently installing new traffic

control devices throughout the city. These devices will be networked and controlled through a computer program. Currently, the timing of each traffic control device is in accordance with State Uniform Traffic Code Standards. These state codes do not take into account local conditions. Once the project is complete and accepted we will be able to adjust each individual traffic control device to local conditions. Until the project is complete, we are addressing each complaint on a case by case basis.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me."

UF researcher studies changes in the elementary school principalship

By Kristin Harmel
University of Florida News

There are twice as many women in the elementary school principalship as there were a decade ago, but job stress and responsibilities have increased, leading principals to retire earlier and earlier, a University of Florida researcher found.

"There are a lot of things beginning to happen in the principalship," said Jim Doud, the chair of UF's educational leadership department. "The changes have posed a whole lot of issues for people to address in the next decade."

Doud's recently published book, "The K-8 Principal in 1998," co-written by Edward Keller, is the culmination of a 10-year study of elementary school principals commissioned by the National Association of Elementary School Principals. Doud worked with the Educational Research Service, a research group that works with national education organizations, to analyze 1,323 questionnaires from principals nationwide.

The principals association has conducted similar studies every ten years since 1928. One of the most significant differences between the 1988 and 1998 studies was that the percentage of women in the principalship jumped from 20 percent to 42 percent and is continuing to grow, Doud said. "Sixty-five percent of those with less than five years of experience in this study were women," he said. "The implication of that would seem to me that opportunities for women will continue to increase, and there's no reason to expect otherwise."

Doud said this shift is positive because the number of female teachers has far exceeded the number of female principals for years. Closing this gap will help bring more experienced educators into leadership positions, Doud said.

However, Doud is concerned about how this

decline in the number of male principals and teachers will affect young students who need male role models.

"Many of the children in school nowadays come from single-parent homes, where the primary figure is the mother," he said. "Often, the male that they have in the elementary school classroom or principalship is one of the most significant role models that they have."

Another significant trend among principals in the last 10 years is a 40 percent turnover rate, and Doud said he expects a similar turnover over the course of the next decade.

"The benefit of such a high turnover rate is that you continue to have people who are young, energetic and have probably been trained in methods more in harmony with the direction things are going now," he said. "The real drawback is that you lose a pool of experienced leaders, people who have been around and who have learned to manage some of the things that are part of the process today, who have insight and can help teachers and parents deal with some of the issues."

According to the data reported in the study, today's typical elementary school principal is a five-year-old white male who has been a principal for 11 years, worked at least 10 hours a day and plans to retire at the age of 57. Despite the increase in the number of female principals, Doud said the number of minorities remains surprisingly low, which he said concerns him about the future of the job.

"Part of the problem is, that we don't have a lot of black or Hispanic men or women in the teaching ranks, and the historical pattern is that you select principals from the ranks of teachers," he said. "We're very concerned about this nationally because we have a diverse population of students, and the population of principals isn't very diverse at all."

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Letter to the Editor Belle Glade Fire Rescue says, "Be extra cautious about fires"

Dear Editor:

Governor Jeb Bush has declared a State of Emergency in the State of Florida. Belle Glade Fire Rescue is asking everyone in the Glades to be extra cautious when outdoors.

Palm Beach County Board of Commissioners have declared a Local State of Emergency, stating that it will be illegal throughout the county to use fireworks or sparklers (except those properly permitted), or to conduct open burning, including but not limited to bonfires, campfires, or burning for commercial land clearing.

Violators will be subject to fines and penalties in accordance with Florida law.

Any activity that could possibly cause a fire must be watched very carefully. Everything from welding outdoors, parking cars with hot engines in grass, throwing cigarettes or matches out car windows, to piling old tree limbs and dead brush into large piles to compost can start fires very fast in this dry season we are in.

St. Lucie County and The Everglades are learning this hard lesson now; North Florida learned this lesson last year. Don't be the one to teach the Glades this lesson.

Just recently Belle Glade Fire Rescue has had five brush fires in less than an hour, and in the past two months we have had over 35 brush fires and Pahokee Fire Department has had close to 20 brush fires.

Help us stop the fires before our families, friends, or our homes are affected.

Stephen R. Rice
Fire Chief
Belle Glade Fire Rescue

Donald M. Hamilton
Fire Marshal
Belle Glade Fire Rescue

Easy credit can lead to big trouble for senior citizens

Senior citizens are unfortunate targets of easy credit offers. It is not uncommon for them to receive two or more pre-approved offers through the mail each month. Typically, the offer will include a check for \$5,000 to \$10,000 as an advance against their credit limit. All that is required is to deposit or cash the check. Simple enough until the payments start coming due.

For many senior citizens on a fixed income with little savings and the need to pay medical bills or make home repairs, this kind of easy money offer can seem like a blessing. But it can lead to big trouble!

These offers take advantage of seniors by promoting a low introductory rate and then in the hard to read small print disclose that the rate will quickly adjust up as high as 23 percent. All that most senior citizens can afford to pay each month is the minimum payment, with very little going to reduce the balance. Seniors can find themselves making payments the rest of their lives. So, what started off as a blessing quickly turns into a nightmare.

Increasing numbers of seniors are filing bankruptcy to escape their growing debts. "We have helped many senior citizens who took advantage of easy credit to pay for medical care for an ailing spouse and then where forced to file bankruptcy with they could no longer afford to make the high interest payments," said Lyn R. Link of the American Senior Enrichment Society.

For many seniors there is another option. A Federally-insured Reverse Mortgage enables

homeowners 62 and older to borrow part of their home's value for any purpose and with no repayment for as long as they live in their home. Since there are no payments to worry with, there is never any risk of losing their home.

Unlike high-interest credit cards or consolidation loans, the reverse mortgage program offers a very low interest rate. Past credit history and income are not used in qualifying for the program, and the money received is tax-free and does not affect Social Security or Medicare benefits. Seniors can use this money to pay off debts or an existing mortgage and eliminate their payments. In addition, they can get the extra money they need for medical expenses, home repairs, or to put in savings to meet unexpected financial needs.

In May 1998, the Federal National Mortgage Association (Fannie Mae) released the results of its survey of reverse mortgage borrowers. The survey found that 93 percent were satisfied with their decision to do a reverse mortgage and 90 percent said they would do it all over again.

"Once senior citizens start taking on credit card debt they quickly find themselves trapped. Their monthly payments decrease the money they have to live on causing them to go deeper and deeper into debt. Some even find themselves using one credit card to make the payments on another credit card. With a reverse mortgage they have no monthly payments to worry with so they are able to get the money they need without falling into a trap. It is smart money for many seniors," Ms. Link said.

Sun Spots



Three-year-old Chandler Ellison fishes with his dad at the Black Gold Jubilee Children's Fishing Contest on Saturday sponsored by Belle Glade Fire Rescue.



Richard Howell, 8, shows off his fish as his sister, Sarah looks on. Dad Keith Howell, says the family really enjoys coming from Clewiston to participate in the Black Gold Children's Fishing Contest.

CRIME STOPPERS



Cassandra Elaine Campbell
Crime Stoppers of Palm
Beach County, Inc., is asking

citizens to help locate Cassandra Elaine Campbell, who is wanted for violation of probation on charges of nine counts of attempted sexual battery on a person less than 12 years of age.

Campbell is a black female, 5'0" tall, and weighs 105 pounds. She has black hair and brown eyes and her date of birth is April 18, 1972. Her last known address was 2200 Australian Avenue, Apt. 215,

West Palm Beach. Her Social Security number is 265-61-5056 and her last occupation is unknown. Her warrant was active as of April 13, 1999.

If you know the whereabouts of Campbell, or anyone involved in a serious crime, call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-458-8477. You can remain anonymous and still receive a cash reward if your tip leads to an arrest.

Arrest Blotters

Editor's note: The police news on this page lists arrests, not convictions, unless otherwise stated. Arrested persons who later are found not guilty or have had the charges against them dropped are welcome to let us know. We will confirm the information and print it.

BELLE GLADE

The Belle Glade Police Department handled 647 complaints, worked 13 crime scenes and gave 20 traffic citations the week of April 12-18.

Those arrested included:

April 12 - No arrests made.
April 13 - Annette Miller, 33, domestic battery; Fritz Celestine, 40, aggravated battery with a deadly weapon.

April 14 - No arrests made.
April 15 - No arrests made.

April 16 - Eddie Shazier, 29, aggravated battery with a deadly weapon and aggravated assault with a firearm; Ahmad Johnson, 32, aggravated battery; Miranda Stephens, 38, retail theft.

April 17 - Isaac Holland, 21, armed burglary to a residence, two counts of grand theft, grand theft of a firearm and burglary to a residence; Juvenile, 17, armed burglary to a residence, burglary and grand theft; Juvenile, 16, armed burglary, grand theft and grand theft of a firearm; Jose Rodriguez, 19, armed burglary, grand theft of a firearm and grand theft.

April 18 - Telisa Singleton, 23, aggravated battery with a deadly weapon; Robert Morgan, 35, petty theft; William Street, 20, failure to appear.

PAHOKEE

The Pahokee Police Department made 9 arrests the week of April 12-18.

Those arrested included:

April 12 - No arrests made.

April 13 - JoAnn Freeman, 42, warrant for failure to appear; Theodore Thompson, 39, warrant for order of commitment; Samuel Owens, 39, possession of marijuana, possession of cocaine, possession of stolen property and carrying a concealed firearm.

April 14 - Linda Brown, 41, domestic battery; Charles Brown, 44, domestic battery.

April 15 - Rufus Williams, 24, burglary of a residence and battery; Bernard Jackson, 47, criminal mischief.

April 16 - No arrests made.

April 17 - Cheryl Simmons, 33, simple battery; Larry Nash, 45, obstructing and opposing and carrying a concealed weapon; Kaliba Jenkins, 19, domestic battery.

April 18 - No arrests made.

SOUTH BAY

The South Bay Police Department made 5 arrests the week of April 11-17.

Those arrested included:

April 11 - Charlie Dunning, 43, possession of drug/paraphernalia and disorderly intoxication; Raymond D. Olson, 57, violation of the open container law.

April 12 - No arrests made.

April 13 - Travell, Rickett, 18, verbal assault.

April 14 - John M. Spivey, 32, burglary; Clarence Adams, 26, warrant for failure to appear.

April 15 - No arrests made.

April 16 - No arrests made.

April 17 - No arrests made.

Pot Luck in the Muck

Pot Luck in the Muck, a collection of dramatic vignettes which chronicle the history of the Glades and capture the rugged pioneering spirit of the area, will be performed May 8 & 9 at the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center in Belle Glade.

The PLM players, all local volunteers, will present the Saturday show at 8 p.m. and the Mother's Day matinee Sunday at 3 p.m.

Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$2 for children and seniors, and may be reserved through the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center ticket office by calling 992-6160 or at Glades Community Development Corporation at 992-9500.

Bill Bailey Benefit BBQ and Golf Tournament

Two events will be held on Saturday, May 1 to help raise money for medical expenses for Bill Bailey.

Mr. Bailey, a former County Commissioner and former Belle Glade City Mayor is battling cancer. Friends are sponsoring a golf tournament which will begin at 9 a.m. on May 1 with registration at 8 a.m. The tournament will be held at the Belle Glade Golf Course and the cost is \$35 for members and \$40 for non-members. A portion of the golf course, called "Bailey's Back Nine" is named in honor of Mr. Bailey, who was instrumental in helping acquire county grant funding to build the 18-hole course.

A barbecue will be held from noon to 6 p.m. at the Belle Glade Elks Lodge and will consist of 12 a barbecued chicken and all the trimmings for \$7.

For more information on the golf tournament call Bobby Hooker or Mike Underwood at 996-6605. For barbecue tickets contact Chief Michael R. Miller at 996-7270.

Soccer registration

American Youth Soccer Organization Region 1267 will be holding registration for the fall season and for Major League Soccer Camp on April 24 and May 8 and 22 from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Clewiston Youth Center.

The cost for the fall season is \$35 for the first child and \$30 for each additional child. The cost covers an eight week season and Jamboree and uniform. Shoes and shin guards are not included. MLS Camp will be June 1-5 at Sugarland Park in Clewiston.

For more information call 941-983-0454 or stop by U-Save Supermarket in Belle Glade.

Deadline approaching for the Class of 1989

Attention members of the Class of 1989 from Glades Central High School. Are you excited about our 10th year

reunion? Can you believe 10 years have passed us by? If the answer is yes, you are ready to be a part of the celebration.

The deadline to pay the reunion fees is May 8. Members are encouraged by pay their fees to Kim Woods at Glades Glenn or mail the form and fees to Stacey Butler-McCloud. Ms. Woods has additional forms for those who need them.

School Advisory Council meetings

Belle Glade Elementary School will hold two school advisory council meetings. Their first will be April 27 at 6 p.m. and this will be a public hearing. The second meeting will be May 13 at 5:30 p.m. Both meetings will be held in the school media center and refreshments will be served. Babysitting services will be provided.

To respond, contact Mary S. Kendal at 993-4490.

Sign up for Jubilee Parade

Applications are being accepted for the Black Gold Jubilee "Spirit of the Glades" Parade, scheduled for 10 a.m. on Saturday, April 24.

Civic groups, organizations and bands are urged to participate and show their community pride.

A new category has been added this year, according to Parade Chair Debbie Buff. A Best Decorated Bicycle category is for children ages 5 through 11. The child must be accompanied by a parent to participate.

Awards will be presented to first place winners in the categories of Best Marching Entry, Best Business Entry, Best Group Organization, Best Performing Entry, Best Decorated Bicycle, Best Theme Entry, Best Decorated Boat/Buggy, and Parade Committee Choice Award.

Entry forms can be picked up at Belle Glade City Hall or the Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce. For more information call Ms. Buff at 996-0100.

Health Fair 1999 is May 14

The C.L. Brumack Health Center of the Department of Health is sponsoring a Health Fair on Friday, May 14 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. at the health department in Belle Glade.

Included in the services offered are health education, nutrition counseling, WIC, vision and hearing testing, blood pressure screening and much more.

The Palm Tran Van and the Med Mobile will also be available. Human and economic services and many other agencies providing information will also be available.

Also, this year is a new addition for the children called "Kids Land", created especially for the

enjoyment of the children.

Everyone is invited to attend. For more information call Arlene at 996-1600, Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Academic Breakfast

Lake Shore Middle School will hold its Academic Breakfast for the Third Nine Weeks on April 27 at 9:30 a.m. in the South Campus Cafeteria.

Parents are encouraged to attend.

Pre-registration for the 99-00 school year

Gove Elementary School will be having pre-registration for students who are currently enrolled at Gove. Registration will be only for those students returning and entering first through sixth grade. Registration will be in alphabetical order. The schedule will be as follows:

Monday, April 26: A-D from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Tuesday, April 27: E-L from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Thursday, April 29: M-Q from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Friday, April 30: R-Z from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

If your child is currently enrolled at Gove Elementary no proof of address will be necessary.

Kindergarten Round Up will be Monday, April 26 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. In order to register your child for kindergarten 1999-2000 you will need the child's birth certificate and proof of address. Please bring your child with you to register.

Volunteers sought for Pahokee Youth Development Center

An orientation and training session for prospective volunteers has been scheduled for Monday, April 26 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Pahokee Youth Development Center.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for our community to assist in redirecting the lives of the young men sent to the facility," says Alice Thompson, volunteer coordinator. "Many of our young men need mentoring and/or tutoring - from adults who care," she added.

Call Mrs. Thompson at 924-5922, Ext. 207 or at home at 924-3556.

Pastors' spouses invited to meeting

SHIP invites all Glades area pastors' spouses and other church representatives are invited to a meeting to prepare a Day of Honoring Glades Area Spiritual Leaders.

The meeting will be held Thursday, April 22 at 5 p.m. at the Haitian American Community Council, 309 South Main Street, Belle Glade (near Affordable Cleaners).

For more information call Mrs. Etha Jones at 992-8758.

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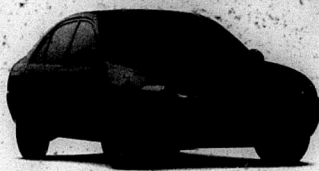


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NASCAR this week

ON THE SCHEDULE

All Times Eastern

- **Busch Series, Touchstone 300**
2:30 p.m. • Saturday • ABC
- **Winston Cup Series, DieHard 500**
1 p.m. • Sunday • ABC

1999 POINTS STANDINGS

WINSTON CUP	BUSCH	TRUCK
1. Jeff Burton, 1,239	Elton Sawyer, 1,087	Stacy Compton, 835
2. Dale Jarrett, 1,154	Dale Earnhardt Jr., 1,086	Ron Hornaday, 820
3. Mark Martin, 1,115	Jason Keller, 1,040	Jack Sprague, 763
4. Jeff Gordon, 1,110	Mike McLaughlin, 1,009	Kevin Wynn, 700
5. Bobby Labonte, 1,055	Matt Kenseth, 976	Mike Wallace, 693
6. Rusty Wallace, 1,047	Jeff Green, 966	Rick Cossell, 684
7. Terry Labonte, 1,028	Todd Bodine, 899	Andy Houston, 659
8. Mike Skinner, 994	Phil Parsons, 894	Jimmy Hensley, 657
9. Ward Burton, 974	Casby Newwood, 812	Greg Biffle, 655
10. Tony Stewart, 922	Jeff Burton, 808	Randy Tolson, 640

TOP TEN

■ Weekly rankings by NASCAR This Week writer Monte Dutton. Last week's ranking is in parentheses.

1. (2) **Jeff Burton** Stretching his point lead
2. (1) **Jeff Gordon** His troubles are behind him
3. (3) **Mark Martin** Fifth at a troublesome track
4. (4) **Dale Jarrett** Made the best of rough week
5. (6) **Rusty Wallace** Faded late in the day
6. (5) **Bobby Labonte** Ready for Talladega
7. (7) **Ward Burton** Slumped to 27th
8. (8) **Tony Stewart** First career pole
9. (NR) **John Andretti** First Pontiac win
10. (NR) **Mike Skinner** Back in the top five

1999 WINSTON CUP SCHEDULE

Date	Track	Location
April 25	Talladega Superspeedway	Talladega, Ala.
May 2	California Speedway	Fontana, Calif.
May 15	Richmond International Raceway	Richmond, Va.
May 22	Charlotte Motor Speedway (all-star race)	Concord, N.C.
May 30	Charlotte Motor Speedway	Concord, N.C.
June 6	Dover Downs International Speedway	Dover, Del.
June 13	Michigan Speedway	Brooklyn, Mich.
June 20	Pocono Raceway	Long Pond, Pa.
June 27	Seas Point Raceway	Santa Monica, Calif.
July 3	Daytona International Speedway	Daytona Beach, Fla.
July 11	New Hampshire International Speedway	Loudon, N.H.
July 25	Pocono Raceway	Long Pond, Pa.
Aug. 7	Indianapolis Motor Speedway	Speedway, Ind.
Aug. 15	Watkins Glen International	Watkins Glen, N.Y.
Aug. 22	Michigan Speedway	Brooklyn, Mich.
Aug. 29	Bristol Motor Speedway	Bristol, Tenn.
Sept. 5	Darlington Raceway	Darlington, S.C.
Sept. 11	Richmond International Raceway	Richmond, Va.
Sept. 19	New Hampshire International Speedway	Loudon, N.H.
Sept. 26	Dover Downs International Speedway	Dover, Del.
Oct. 3	Martinsville Speedway	Martinsville, Va.
Oct. 10	Charlotte Motor Speedway	Concord, N.C.
Oct. 17	Talladega Superspeedway	Talladega, Ala.

FROM LAST WEEK

WINSTON CUP SERIES

John Andretti gave Petty Enterprises its 20th victory at Martinsville, the oldest track on the circuit. Richard Petty won 15 races, his father, Lee, had three, and Jimmy Hensley won Saturday's truck race in a Petty Dodge.

Andretti lost a lap with an early spin, but caught leader Jeff Burton with seven to go, ran side-by-side for several laps and took the lead for the last four.

Burton stretched his point lead with a second-place finish, and Jeff Gordon was third.

CRAFTSMAN TRUCK SERIES

Jimmy Hensley, who lives about four miles from Martinsville Speedway in Ridgeway, Va., gave Dodge its first victory of the season (and fifth in the last three) with a win in the NAPA 250. Another Virginia Dodge driver, Stacy Compton, finished second.

FEUD OF THE WEEK

John Andretti vs. Ward Burton

Burton spun out his fellow Pontiac driver early in the Goody's 500, costing Andretti a lap. He won anyway. What was Andretti thinking? "I was wondering if I could pull an O.J. in front of \$1,000 fans," he said.

NASCAR This Week's Monte Dutton gives his opinion:

"Andretti knew Burton did not do it intentionally, but since the yellow flag did not come out, it was a good thing Burton pulled well ahead of Andretti after the spin. Andretti had a chance to calm down and get his mind on getting his lap back."

AROUND THE GARAGE

THE DARNDEST THINGS HAPPEN:

Kyle Petty, already mired in a horrible slump, had a freak accident while testing on Wednesday at Talladega Superspeedway.

The throttle stuck as Petty was driving down pit road, and the Pontiac lurched violently out of control and through a fence, eventually rocketing into an infield flagpole. Petty was unhurt, but the car was obviously demolished.

"I ran through the chain-link fence and over a couple

of azaleas, and I think a couple of dandelions gave their lives, too," said Petty. "It was just a freak deal. I'm not superstitious. When you've seen it all, there's no reason to be superstitious, man. You get past the superstition stage."

OOPS: Jimmy Spencer had a weird malfunction during the 1998 Goody's 500.

The fire extinguisher in his Ford unexpectedly discharged, covering the driver's compartment with flame-retardant foam. On

WINSTON CUP SERIES

Coming up: DieHard 500

Where: Talladega (Ala.) Superspeedway, 2.66-mile tri-oval, 188 laps

When: Sunday, April 25

Defending champion:

Bobby Labonte

Qualifying record:

Bill Elliott, Ford, 212.809

mph, April 30, 1987

Race record:

Mark Martin, Ford, 188.354

mph, May 10, 1997

Notable: Dale Jarrett won the most recent race here last fall. ... Jeff Gordon has won only once at Talladega. ... Dale Earnhardt has won seven races at this track, three more than any other

driver.

BUSCH GRAND NATIONAL

Coming up: Touchstone 300

Where: Talladega (Ala.) Superspeedway, 2.66-mile tri-oval, 113 laps

When: Saturday, April 24

Defending champion:

Joe Nemechek

Qualifying record:

Joe Nemechek

Nemechek, Chevrolet, 193.517 mph, April 25, 1997

Race record:

Mark Martin, Ford, 168.937

mph, April 26, 1997

Notable: Nemechek has won the pole three years in a row. ... In seven previous races, no driver has won this race twice.

Your Turn

Letters From Our Readers

Dear NASCAR This Week,

When Dale Earnhardt hit the wall at Atlanta, could he have used a backup car, had the race been postponed due to rain?

Brian Hinegardner

Elkhart, Ind.

No. The car that begins the race is the only one that can be used in that event. The rule is different in Formula One and CART, however.

Dear NASCAR This Week,

My question concerns the body styles used in NASCAR. In the late 1980s, Chevrolet introduced the Lumina (replacing the Monte Carlo), which came only in a four-door version. In order to alter the car to become a two-door, Chevrolet had to offer the two-door version to the general public the following year, which was done. Ford started using a two-door version of the Taurus in 1998, and I have failed to see a two-door version in their showrooms. Has NASCAR waived the rule concerning body styles, or have the rules changed?

Gary Kinney Sr.

Trail Creek, Ind.

First of all, there has never been a rule concerning how many doors a race car should have. Occasionally four-door cars ran in races as far back as the 1950s. Second, when the Lumina was introduced, there were both two- and four-door versions. In 1995, when the new Monte Carlo was introduced, the Lumina became strictly a four-door vehicle. The final point is one we have made before. The cars that you see racing in NASCAR events do not have any doors. Ford merely decided to make its race vehicle the Taurus, and NASCAR approved it.



Roy "Buckshot" Jones has one top-10 finish so far in his rookie season.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

■ When Herb Thomas drove a Hudson Hornet to victory in the 1953 Southern 500 at Darlington, he prevailed over a field of 62 cars representing 26 different makes. When he won again in 1954, Thomas became the first two-time winner of NASCAR's first superspeedway race.

Trackside Trivia

1. Who was the first woman to win a NASCAR touring-series event?
2. What two Busch Grand National champions got their start in the Goody's Dash Series?

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1. Shavonne Robinson won the Goody's Dash

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Four teams still lacking regular sponsorship

By Monte Dutton
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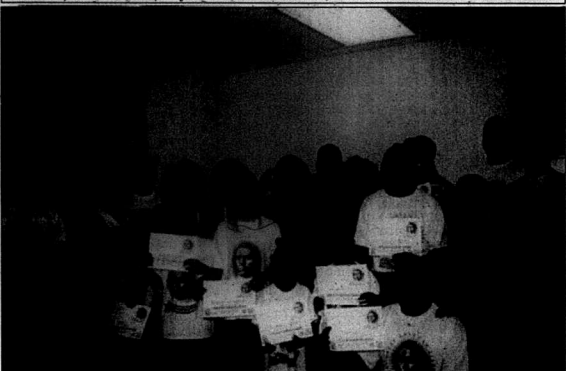
MARTINSVILLE, Va. —

The season is well into its third month and business is booming, yet four Winston Cup teams still lack reliable, week-to-week sponsorship.

Four owners — Junie Donlavey, Joe Falk, Cale Yarborough/Wayne Burdette and Billy Jones — do not have a principal sponsor. Jones' Pontiac, driven by his son, Buckshot, carries Crown Fiber, which is the elder Jones' own company.



One Intelligent family!!! Mr. and Mrs. Reynaldo Soriano of South Bay have three of their children receiving certificates of appreciation for being listed on the Honor Roll at Rosenwald Elementary. From left to right are Maria Soriano, 4th grader Reynaldo Soriano, 3rd grader Melinda Soriano and 2nd grader Ryan Soriano along with South Bay commissioners Willie Marshall, Clarissa Davis, Mayor Clarence Anderson and Milranda Smith



Thanks for the help!!! The South Bay City Commission honored residents of South Bay with a certificate of appreciation for their help during the Great American Clean Up held April 3.



Two local students won scholarships for being outstanding during the twenty-first annual Scholastic Achievement Dinner held on Wednesday, April 14. The most prestigious event organized solely to honor outstanding students was held at the Breakers Hotel in Palm Beach. Robert Morris of Pahokee Middle/Senior High School was one of the recipients along with Curneisha Bryant of Glades Central Community High School. Pictured are left to right Clifford E. Ripley, Foundation Chairman and Founder, Dr. Anthony Catanese, President, FAU; Dr. Effie Gear, Principal, Glades Central Community High School; Jerald S. Beer, Foundation President; Ms. May Gamble, Principal, Pahokee Middle/Senior High School. Front: Curneisha Bryant, Scholarship Recipient, Glades Central Community High School; Robert Morris, Scholarship Recipient, Pahokee Middle/Senior High School.



The South Bay Commission gave out their certificates of appreciation to students from Rosenwald Elementary. Every nine weeks, commissioners give out these award to thank the children of South Bay for all of their hard work.

Pahokee chamber receives gift from local bank

When the Pahokee Chamber of Commerce and Pahokee Main Street discovered their computers were outdated and did not pass the Y2K inspection, they issued a plea for assistance.

First Community Bank's President and CEO, Dale Morris came to the rescue and responded quickly with more than just assistance! He asked the ladies at the Chamber what they wanted and then gave them the money to purchase new computers for the chamber.

According to Executive Secretary and Director Alice Thompson, "We gave him the quote from Glades Computer Service and Mr. Morris agreed with the entire purchase."

"First Community Bank has always been there for us," said Mrs. Thompson.

Volunteers needed

An orientation and training session for prospective volunteers has been scheduled for Monday, April 26 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Pahokee Youth Development Center.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for our community to assist in redirecting the lives of the young men sent to the facility," says Alice Thompson, Volunteer Coordinator. "Many of our young men need mentoring and/or tutoring - from adults who are."

Call Mrs. Thompson at 924-5922, ext. 207 or home, 924-3556. You can make a difference.

Willie Marshall named South Bay Vice Mayor

Commissioner Willie Marshall was named vice mayor by the South Bay City Commission during their special meeting on Monday night.

According to Mayor Clarence Anthony, the city charter states that appointments take place on September 30, however with the election of new commissioners last month and the replacement of vice mayor Basil Anderson, the commission decided the charter needed to be revised and made the appointment Monday.

Mr. Marshall gracefully accepted the appointment and told residents he was always available for any problem they may have concerning the city.

New Police Cars

In other business, the commission agreed to purchase two 1999 Ford Taurus police vehicles by using the state bid price of \$14,473 per vehicle totalling \$28,946.

The department currently has eight police cruisers but two of the cars are in need of constant repair.

According to Police Chief Danny Jones purchasing the new vehicles will

lower repair costs.

The department is currently in a transit phase in which they are merging into a public safety department which includes joining the fire department and police department and cross training the officers.

Review Charter

The commission approved a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Municipal Code Corporation for the reclassification of the Municipal code to review the city charter and supplement services and all other services as needed.

Internet tax

The commission passed a resolution endorsing legislation that requires the collection of gross receipts and compensating use taxes on sales made through the Internet.

For example, according to Mayor Anthony, if you purchase products over the Internet you do not pay taxes on the product as you would if you purchased the product from a local store. Which means municipalities lose tax money.

Proclamations

The commission issued a proclamation honoring the Living Legends Buffalo Soldiers Negro Baseball League Players 555th Paratroopers. They also issued a proclamation in honor of Municipal Clerks.

Voting delegate

A resolution was passed designating Mayor Anthony as the voting delegate and commissioner Esther Berry as the alternate to vote on behalf of the City in accordance with Article Four of the Bylaws of Palm Beach County League of Cities, Inc.

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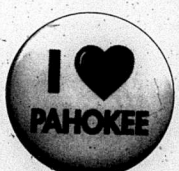
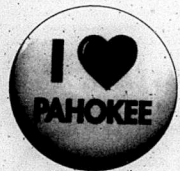
The league meets on the first Wednesday of every month. Commissioner Berry will attend the meeting.

Appreciation

The commission handed out Certificates of Appreciation to local residents for the Keep America Beautiful clean up held a few weeks ago.

Good grades

The commission gave out Certificates of Appreciation to students at Rosenwald Elementary who made the honor roll.



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**See the Black Gold Jubilee supplement to
The Sun for information about
all of the Harvest Queen Contestants**



Moving to a Shania Twain song titled "I Feel Like a Woman", are the contestants in the 1999 Harvest Queen Pageant.



Master of Ceremonies Michael Miller poses with the girls after the Harvest Queen event.



Taking her final walk is Brooke Prescott, the 1998 Harvest Queen.



The 1999 Harvest Queen and her Court...from left are 4th place winner Melissa Faye Miller, 2nd place winner Nicole Rivas, Harvest Queen Donna Margarita Dixon, 1st place runner up Amy Elizabeth Hendricks, and 3rd place winner Krystal Diane Cavinee.



Mary-Anne Noelle Hollingsworth was named Miss Congeniality at the 1999 Harvest Queen Pageant and is presented the trophy by last year's Harvest Queen, Brooke Prescott.



1999 Harvest Queen Donna Margarita Dixon closes her eyes as last year's reigning queen, Brooke Prescott, places the crown on her head.

Gone Fishin': Highlights from the Children's Fishing Contest



Just right for dipping... Three-year-old Matthew Schultz eats potato chips while his brother, Eric, 1, prefers to dip his in his koolaid first. Mom Karen Schultz said the boys were having a good time.



Winners in the Total Weight Category at the Black Gold Jubilee Children's Fishing Contest are, from left, Ryan Woodard, Division III; Terry Garnto, Division II; Kyle Monti, Division I.



Checking out her loot... Julia Woods, 4, of Belle Glade looks over all the free stuff she got in her tackle box. All 418 children received a free tackle box, tackle, lures, a t-shirt and cap and a free lunch at the annual Black Gold Jubilee Children's Fishing Contest. The event is sponsored by the Belle Glade Fire Rescue.



The fish were biting and the weather was great at the annual Jubilee Children's Fishing Contest. Eight-year-old Michelle Priest shows off her catch.



Stop, Drop, and Roll... Four-year-old Danielle Dixon of Belle Glade practices fire safety at the Black Gold Jubilee Children's Fishing Contest on Saturday.



See my fish?... says two-year-old Tory Tyler, shown here with mom, Renee and dad, Troy Tyler of Belle Glade.



Kolby Ward, 4, watches as his fish are weighed by Firefighter Doug Manger.



Kyle Monti, 7, of Belle Glade shows off his big string of fish with the help of his dad, John Monti.



A happy young man... Seven-year-old Ricky Christmas of Belle Glade was just one of 10 children who won a bicycle and a free helmet in the drawings held after the fishing tournament.



Jessica Guzman (L) won a trophy for catching the smallest fish in the tournament and Maryann Tristan won for catching the biggest fish.



All over but the cleaning up... An unidentified man takes a break after the Black Gold Children's Fishing Contest at the Belle Glade Marina on Saturday, April 17.

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Governor Jeb Bush has proclaimed the week of April 18 through 24 as Volunteer Week, a time for state organizations and agencies to recognize their volunteers. In response, volunteers from the Pahokee Youth Development Center were presented a proclamation by the City of Pahokee during the regular community meeting of April 13. There to receive the proclamation were Anita Brunson Frances Adams, Yadira Sears and Nomi Sherman of the Canal Point United Methodist Church UMW, JoAnn Law, Amy Schenk and Sandy Simonson of Xi Beta Tau Sorority, City Manager Ken Schenk, Rep. Addie L. Greene's Legislative Secretary Diane Walker and Fire Chief Gary Burroughs, Advisory Board members Margie Branch of the Canal Point Baptist Church WMU day group, Carmen Wood, Frances Vorhees, Helen Henderson, Hugh and Barbara Branch and Sandy Simonson of Pahokee First United Methodist Church and volunteer coordinator of the facility.

"These are very special people... they keep on giving the most important thing they have to give... their time!" said Alice Thompson.

Local Obituaries

Week of April 22, 1999

Kansas Mae Todd, age 93, pioneer Pahokee resident, died Thursday, April 15 in the Hospice of Palm Beach County.

A native of McLean, Mississippi, she was born on May 11, 1905, daughter of the late Whiteford and Fannie Singleton Todd.

In 1914 her family moved to Plant City. In July of 1918 they boarded Captain Johnson's boat, "The Osceola" and came across Lake Okeechobee to make their home in "East Beach" which was later named Pahokee. They lived in Red Top Packing house until their own home was built on Bacom Point Road.

Mrs. Todd worked in a dry goods store in Canal Point, later gaining ownership of the store. During World War II, when goods of all kind were scarce, she closed the store. She became a postal clerk and remained in that position for 25 years before retiring. After retiring from the Post Office, she operated the Everglades Inn in Pahokee for several years.

In 1998, she was recognized with the "Pioneer of the Year" award presented by the Pahokee Chamber of Commerce. Mrs. Todd was a member of the Church of the Nazarene, Pahokee. She was preceded in death by her son, Clifton L. "Tiny" Todd on Sept. 14, 1997.

Surviving are: her brother - R. P. Todd, and his wife Liz, of Lake Worth; daughter - in-law; Flora May Todd of Pahokee; grandchildren - Paula F. Todd and her husband Kim M. Schwencke of Tampa, Clifton L. Todd, Jr., and his wife Linda of Wellington, Nola Todd Carter and her husband W. Randy of Hendersonville, North Carolina, Mary Beth Stevenson and her husband Enoch F., of West Palm Beach; 13 grandchildren also survive.

The funeral service was held Monday, April 19 in the Church of the Nazarene. The Rev. William Devers, pastor, officiated. Interment followed in Port Mayaca Memorial Gardens.

The James A. Bennett Funeral Home in Pahokee had charge of the arrangements.

Martha Lynn "Doodle" Pence 56, of Tequesta, passed away Saturday, April 17 at Jupiter Medical Center.

She was born January 14, 1943 in Cocoa Beach and resided in Belle Glade and the Palm Beaches nearly all her life.

She graduated from Belle Glade High School in 1961 and spent her early years an avid dancer and socialite. For the past 35 years, she was a determined homemaker, friend and confidant. She knew the meaning of fun and how to make anyone feel welcome in her home.

She was also a member of the FFA (Future Farmers of America), chapter Sweetheart in 1960 and a member of the Rainbow Girls.

Her loving memory is cherished by a strong devoted husband of 38 years, Jerry Lee Pence; three adoring children, Keely K. and her husband Wesley Haas of West Palm Beach, Karley K. and husband William Unger of Tequesta, Fla. and Patrick and wife Heather Pence of Tallahassee; a loving mother, Vonelle Brent of West Palm Beach, a brother, Gerald and wife Sandra Bent of Olive Branch, MI; a sister, Wanda and husband Albert Ellis of Margate, FL; five wonderful grandchildren, all of the Palm Beaches and hundreds of friends and relatives she knew and loved during her time.

A memorial service was held Monday April 19 at the Aycock Funeral Home Chapel in Jupiter, with Reverend Robert S. Taylor officiating. Arrangements were under the direction of Aycock Funeral Home in Jupiter.

George C. Young Sr. died Tuesday, April 13 at Martin Memorial Hospital in Stuart after a short illness. He was 93.

Mr. Young was born in Cave City, KY, and was returned there for burial. The Reverend Alva Blankenship officiated at the graveside service.

Mr. Young is survived by his sister Katherine Peterson of Glasgow, KY; his brother, A. P. Young of Ashland, KY; his daughter, Jane Young of Stuart, and his son and daughter in law, George C. (Chappy) Young, Jr.; and Beverly of Palm City and their children, Lucas, George C. (Geordie) Young, IV and Noelani.

Mr. Young and his wife, Edwina Curtiss Young, came to Florida in the 1930's and lived in Miami and Bradenton before settling in Belle Glade in 1949.

Mr. Young was involved in organizing the Cattlemen's Cooperative, which formed the Glades Livestock Market. He was manager of the market and active in State and National Cattlemen's organizations, serving on the Board of Directors of the National Beef Council.

He also served as a consultant on cooperative agriculture marketing with the United States Department of State's Aid Program in Central America.

Mr. Young retired in 1967 and had lived with his daughter until his death.

Mary Neyoka Davis, 60, former Pahokee resident, died Wednesday April 14 in Port St. Joe.

A native of Tusculumbia, Ala. she was born on June 19, 1938, daughter of David and Ola Callahan Davis.

While a resident of Pahokee she was employed with the Palm Beach County School System in the Canal Point Elementary School cafeteria and then with the Pahokee Elks Club as a stewardess.

Surviving are: son - Thomas David Gammons of Rye, Texas; daughters - Nickey Wynn of Okeechobee and Misty Ruth Norman of Fort Lauderdale; brother - David Daniel Davis of Port St. Joe; sisters - Opal Darden of Tusculumbia, Ala., Bessie Smallwood of Tusculumbia, Ala., Elizabeth Ellitha Bruno of Wallington, Conn, Janet Tucker of Fort Lauderdale and Pat Story of Port St. Joe; six grandchildren also survive.

The funeral service was conducted Friday, April 16 at the graveside in Port Mayaca Cemetery. Rev. James A. Bennett, pastor, Canal Point Baptist Church officiated.

The James A. Bennett Funeral Home in Pahokee had charge of the arrangements.

Military News

Army Staff Sgt. Sharon D. Miles has graduated from the drill sergeant school at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C. The nine-week course is designed to provide students with the information and training techniques that drill sergeants require to teach initial entry or basic military trainees.

The curriculum includes drill and ceremonies, physical fitness, weapons training and instruction on leadership and counseling applicable to the initial entry trainee environment.

Miles is the daughter of Antoinette Miles of Belle Glade. She is a 1988 graduate of Glades Central High School.

AIDS fund raiser in Pahokee

The AIDS Coalition of the Glades, Inc. would like to thank all of their supporters for the past 12 years.

The financial support has provided much needed emergency food, medicine, utility payments and rental assistance for many people testing positive for HIV.

The time has come for the Annual Fundraising Membership Event.

The event is scheduled for Saturday, April 24, at the Pahokee Recreation Center located at 360 West Main Street at 7 p.m.

The speaker for the event will be Ann Iles who is employed with the Comprehensive AIDS Program as an Education Coordinator.

Tickets for the event are already on sale.

Donations are being accepted for the late Helen Owens Fund of the Glades.

The late Missionary Helen Owens was the founder of the AIDS Coalition of the Glades, Inc. "Let us keep her dream alive in making the dream of universal hope a reality," said Sandra Daniels of the AIDS Coalition of the Glades, Inc.

Revival

Canal Point United Methodist Church will hold a Revival from Sunday, May 2 until Wednesday, May 5. The church is located at 37052 2nd Street - US Hwy. 441 at 27th St. in Canal Point.

Everyone is invited to meet Tom Atkins, an Evangelist from the North Georgia conference of the United Methodist Church who represents a new generation of evangelists seeking to bring the timeless truths and experiences of the Gospel to contemporary culture.

Joining Mr. Atkins will be Eddie Phipps, who will bring his "Sermon in Song." The Revival begins Sunday at 11 a.m. and will run Sunday through Wednesday nights beginning at 7 p.m.

Minister goes to skating rink with youth

On April 17, the Inspirational Youth Enrichment and Mentoring Program, (IYEMP) director Minister Leroy Carroll, traveled to Atlantis Skateway with program participants.

IYEMP is a program sponsored by the Inspirational Community Development and Learning Center under the leadership of Pastor Johnny W. Johnson Sr.

It seeks to proactively develop youth through cultural, social and educational vehicles such as dance and drama training.

"With the difficulties our youth face today, it has been said that you are part of the solution or part of the problem," said Pastor Johnson. "The Inspirational Youth Enrichment and Mentoring Program is positioning itself as not only a catalyst but a viable solution to the problems facing our youth as well."



Volunteers have worked 100 plus hours to present "Pot Luck in the Muck" on Saturday, May 8 and Sunday, May 9 at the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center. Pot Luck in the Muck is a collection of dramatic vignettes which chronicle the history of the Glades and capture the rugged pioneering spirit of the area. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$2 for children and seniors and are available through the Dolly Hand ticket office or at the Glades Community Development Corporation. Pictured are Barbara Bell Spence, Bianca Spence, Vivian Hunter, James Etienne, Rebecca Schaeffel, Sister Laura Cavanaugh, Dorothy Wilford and Twilia Tillman.



Vaughan and Riley

Lisa Marie Vaughan and David William Riley have announced their engagement and upcoming wedding.

Miss Vaughan is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Scott Vaughan of West Palm Beach.

Mr. Riley is the son of Mr. and Mrs. David Riley of Belle Glade.

The bride elect is a senior at Palm Beach Lakes High School and is employed at Walmart as a sales floor assistant.

The groom elect is a graduate of Glades Central Community High School and is employed in night receiving at Walmart.

The couple plan to be married in a double ring ceremony. The wedding date has not been set at this time.



Griffin and Goodale

Mr and Mrs John B. Griffin of Belle Glade are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter Jennifer Annette Griffin to Jeffery Wayne Goodale, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Goodale of Belle Glade.

The bride-elect graduated as Valedictorian of the class of 1996 at Glades Day School. Jennifer was also named Harvest Queen her senior year. She will graduate with honors from the University of Florida earning a B.A. degree in Elementary Education. She will soon begin her graduate studies.

The groom-elect graduated as Salutatorian of the class of 1995 at Glades Day School. He will also graduate from the University of Florida in May with a B.S. degree in accounting. He has already begun his graduate work in decision and information sciences and will continue his studies.

The wedding will be held on August 7, at 2 p.m. at the Belle Glade Alliance Church with a reception following at the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center.

Glades Day School Gator Tales

By Donnie Scruggs and Farrah Shotts

The Glades Day School DARE graduation was held in Tripp Hall on April 18.

The DARE program teaches students the dangers of alcohol and drug abuse.

Parents of the students attended the ceremony. This week the National Honor Society is training for the "Student Teach Students" program put on by the American Lung Association.

NHS members will visit fifth grade classes in and around Belle Glade to warn students of the dangers of tobacco and marijuana.

The American Lung Association has found that this is an excellent program in helping prevent children from smoking.

On April 23, the class of 1999 will board a charter bus for the annual trek to Walt Disney World's Grad Nite.

The affair will feature Brimley Spears, Sister Hazel, DJ Dance Party and Wheel Big Fish. High School seniors will spend from 10 p.m. until 5 a.m. the next day enjoying all the rides at Disney and the entertainment.

Disney has a no-smoking, no-alcohol and no drug policy that is strictly enforced during Grad

Nite festivities.

Forty-six seniors from GDS plan to make the trip.

Mr. Victor Slesinger's Spanish III class will enjoy school tomorrow.

As a class field trip, they are going to have lunch at Don Ramons in West Palm Beach. However, they aren't the only ones with time out of class. Mrs. Carter's and Mrs. Jack's elementary classes have earned a trip to Quiet Water Park, where they'll spend a day of fun in the sun.

The final six weeks' grading period began this week. This is the last chance for some to get those grades up and avoid going to summer school. Seniors are busy preparing for last minute activities before graduation. Getting graduation invitations addressed and in the mail are on the minds of most of the seniors.

Congratulations to Donna Dixon, a senior at Glades Day, who was crowned Harvest Queen last Saturday night at the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center.

Donna is the daughter of Lawrence and Margarita Dixon of Belle Glade and has been a student at Glades Day since 8th grade. Other GDS students who placed in the contest were Amy Henricks, first runner up,

Nicole Rivas, second runner up, Krystal Cavinee, third runner up and Melissa Miller, fourth runner up.

On the sports scene, the tennis team headed to Ft Pierce this week for the tennis district championships, winners of this week's tournament will advance to regional play next week.

The varsity baseball team has a game at Florida Air Academy and will host a Labelle game. The JV squad ends its season at Labelle.

The varsity softball girls finish their regular season in an away game at Summit Christian. The golf team still has a match left on its regular season schedule.

The district golf tournament is slated for next Thursday. Seniors are counting the days until May 14, the last day of class for them.

Underclassmen have an additional two weeks after that, with May 28 as their last day of the 1998-1999 school year.

So, with only a little over three weeks left for the seniors, teachers are getting in that last report assignment and other activities, which will surely benefit these college-bound students.



Local School News



Lake Shore Middle School Honor Roll

Sixth Grade
All A's
Javonte Mottley
Shalanda O'Neal

A's & B's
Cristobal Acosta
Yonique Bell
Ontario Blackmon
Brianny Dulkes
Silvia Flores
Danielle Griffin
Jose Gutierrez
Shakiera Hamilton
Eric Houston
Lyshawna Jerningan
Josiah Johnson
Soila Konchellah
Eli Lopez
Vanessa Michel
Precious Northern
Shatayia Pettway
Maria Prieto
Alvaro Rivera
Javier Rodriguez
Antoinette Smith
Fedner Thelemague
Calvin Thompson
Audrey Webb
Roderick Wilerson
Zena Wilers

Seventh Grade
All A's
Latoya Gayle
Timothy Vaughn

A's & B's
Nancy Altidor
Jamiria Brown
Kia Crawford
John Destin
Albert Dukes
Francis Flores

Rickeysha Godfrey
Omar Haugabook
Derek Key
Michael Lee
Jean Lestage
Alvineka Mayes
Juleisy Mederos
Norma Monivaits
Trevonna Moodie
Rodrigo Navarrete
Eliana Ortiz
Latasha Pearson
Rosemarit Pettihomme
Mackenson Pierre
Estrellita Renderos
Joyce Rhoden
Cristobal Rivera
Quithisa Sanford
Masoniek Stinfort
Willie Thornton
Timothy Vaughn
Mylene Villas
Damion Warren

Eight Grade
All A's
Hanoy Estrada
Joshua Kelting
Kathie-Ann Lee
Diandra Rivers
Timothy Sims
Garlynn Sincere
Lasharonte Williams

A's & B's
Marie Aloupin
Angela Baltazar
Wiley Battle
Lasharva Bennett
Derrick Bethae
Marcus Bryant
Margaret Charles
Wadner Charles
Martaria Darrisaw
Jasmin Dawkins

Alfreda Dennard
Shalandare Dominguez
Myra Flores
Diangleo Frazer
Sharonda Freeman
Widelyne Gabriel
Ziatavian Griffin
Dekevius Hubbard
Jaquandria Humphries

Liseal Hunter
Lisia Hunory
Bonique Ivory
Eline Jean
Deirdre Johnson
Marcus Johnson
Vinnisha Jones
Shalonda Lester
Isaac Logan
Laura Lopez
Erick Mann
Jasmine Marshall
Jolita Midget
Marqui Morgan
Alfrenesia Morrison

Evans Nicholson
Magda Olguin
Christie Paul
Anita Perkins
Miguel Pierre
Marion Police
Rocky Roque
Willena Russell
Brandy Sager
Damon Scott
Bertia Smith
Rounisha Smith
John Snipe
Steven Stimpson
Priscilla Straker
Latoya Thompson
Reginald Wikerson
Richard Wilson
Marquita Wooten
Alai Zayad

Young authors honored at celebration

Students from six local elementary schools were honored Saturday, April 17 at the Young Authors Celebration held at Glades Central High School.

This event, sponsored by the Palm Beach County Reading council, recognized 52 area elementary students for their award winning published books.

Eugenia Jones, Area 4 Superintendent, congratulated the winning student authors and spoke to them about the importance of reading and writing.

John Harms, a published author of three children's books, explained to the students the steps involved in writing and getting a book published.

These students, with their parents and teachers watching from the audience, were each recognized and received a certificate, a bag filled with gifts and a tee shirt.

Their award winning books were on display for everyone to read.

The members of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority provided the decorations and refreshments for this Young Authors Celebration.

Over 250 children from six area schools, Belle Glade, Glade View, Gove, Pahokee, Pioneer Park and Rosenwald Elementary schools entered books for this Young Authors Project.

Each student that entered received a certificate and a special recognition at their individual schools.

A special thank you goes out to Adelphia Cable, Scholastic Network and the P.R.O.M.I.S.E. Network for providing the bags and gifts for each winner. Delta Sigma Theta Sorority for the table decorations and refreshments. Education Partnership of Palm Beach County for the License for Learning Grant that provided additional funding for this event and members of the Palm Beach County Reading council for judging the entries and arranging this celebration.

The 52 award winning stu-

dent authors honored at the Young Authors Celebration are as follows:

Moses Adlin
Charles Askew
Crystal Bageas
Delroy Brown
Adely Castaneda
Natasha Douglas
Deasha Everett
Krystel Figueroa
Latetia Ford
Vanessa Galett
Leticia Gomez
Ronnisha Hall
Byshanae Harvin
D'Erika Haslem
Leslie Hensing
Martin Hoffenden
Chineshia Hubert
Makeba Humphrey
LaQuittia Johnson
DeShelley Johnson
Ramona Lemene
Amanda Lewis
Valkeshia Lewis
Christine Limozze
Elizabeth Madrigal
Akeeno McLeod

Olga Mena
Adelaide Mendoza
Vonzie Moore
Courtney Mosely
Yanira Moya
Alberto Ornelas
Derek Orsenigo
Laquisha Papillon
Ramkiera Phillips
Samuel Putmon
Caitlin Ramos
Niketuria Simmons
Yaniquessa Simms
Nikketa Smith
Shaundra Smith
Codi Snead
Giovanna Solano
Markeria Sparkman
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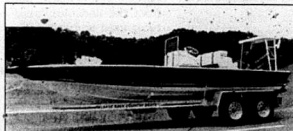
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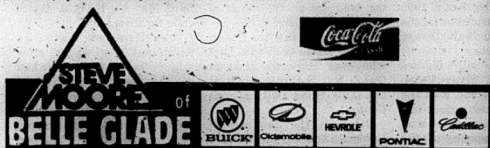
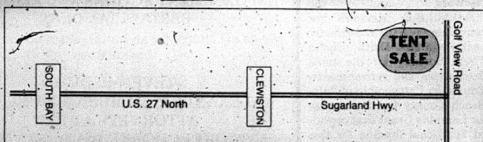
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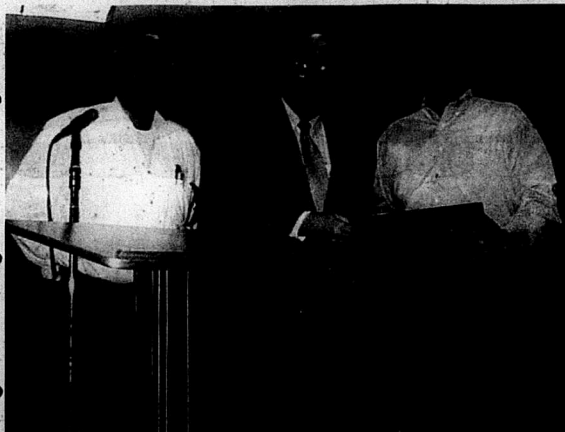
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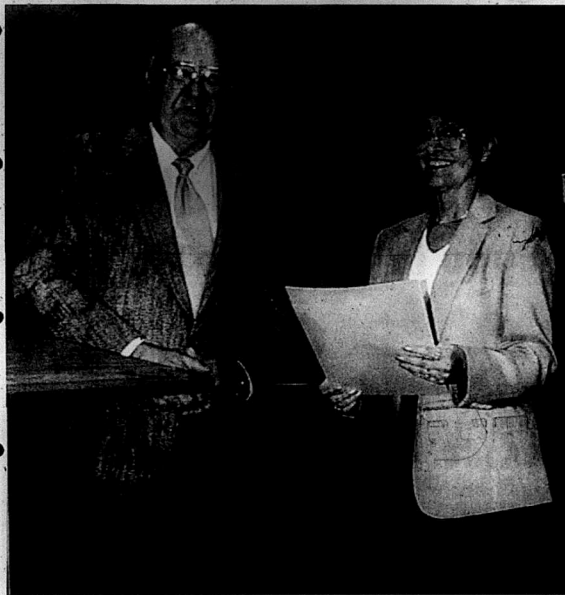
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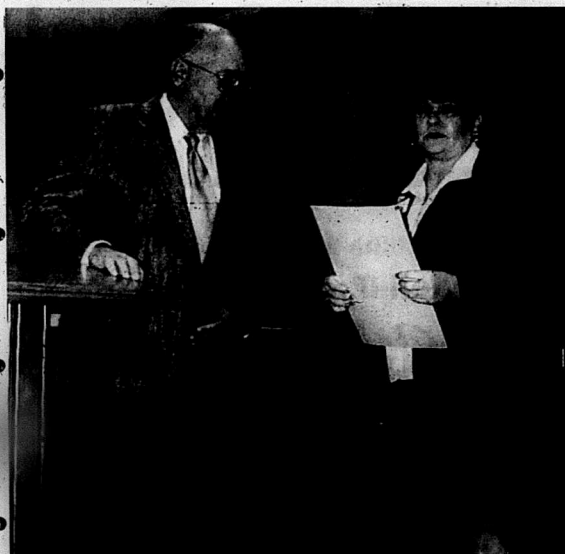
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IN APPRECIATION—Mayor D. Bill Mathis (C) presents a plaque of appreciation to Bill Carter (R), area director of the Glades Boys & Girls Club, for all his work in helping with the April 3 Clean up Day in Belle Glade. The proclamation was presented to Mr. Carter at the Monday, April 19 Belle Glade City Commission meeting. Kevin McNamara, solid waste manager for the city is shown on the far left.



Mayor D. Bill Mathis presents a proclamation declaring April 17-24, 1999 as "Black Gold Jubilee Week" and Saturday, April 24, 1999 as "Black Gold Jubilee Day" in the City of Belle Glade. Jubilee Chair Dianne Carter accepts the proclamation at Monday night's City Commission meeting.



A Mayor's Proclamation was presented by Belle Glade Mayor D. Bill Mathis on Monday night to Julia Wilkinson, director of the Guardian Ad Litem Volunteer Program, recognizing the importance of the program during April, which is Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month. He called upon all citizens, community agencies, religious organizations and businesses in Belle Glade to observe the month by demonstrating respect and gratitude for the Guardian Ad Litem program and their volunteers who "devotedly and unselfishly work, without recompense, to keep our children safe."



Cory Wilkerson, (R) program specialist for the Glades Youth Leadership, accepts a plaque of appreciation from Belle Glade Mayor D. Bill Mathis (C) for his club's participation in the April 3 clean up day in Belle Glade. Kevin McNamara, solid waste manager for the city is shown on the far left. He spearheaded the clean up for the city.



The Palm Beach County Sheriff's Department's "No User Cruiser" was a big hit at Saturday's Black Gold Children's Fishing Contest. Cpl. Charlie Beale (shown at the front of the car) said the car is used in the Sheriff's Department's DARE program.

Revival at St. Paul Church of God in Christ

Revival services will be held April 21-23 at the Greater St. Paul Church of God in Christ, 915 West Avenue A, Belle Glade.

Superintendent Clarence Brown, pastor, said national Evangelist and recording artist Richard "Mr. Clean" White will be the guest speaker.

Brother White will speak on "Accept What God Allows." He is the minister of the Gospel Temple Church of God in Christ in Conley, Georgia.

The services will begin nightly at 7:30 p.m. and everyone is invited to attend.

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SOUTH SHORE DRAINAGE DISTRICT ASSIGNMENTS FOR THE YEAR 1999

Notice is hereby given that in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 177-020, Florida Statute of 1977, the Board of Supervisors of the South Shore Drainage District, organized and existing under the Laws of Florida, and embracing lands within Palm Beach County, has caused to be prepared a budget showing the requirements of the District for maintenance, operations and administration during the year beginning on the first day of October, 1999, and ending on the thirty-first day of September, 2000. Said budget, among other things, shows the amount of Maintenance Assessments per acre necessary to be levied upon the lands within said District for the year 1999.

The said budget is now on file and may be examined at the office of the Secretary of the District in Belle Glade, Florida. The Board of Supervisors of the South Shore Drainage District will meet at 10:45 A.M., Wednesday, May 12, 1999, at the office of the Secretary of the District in Belle Glade, Florida, for the purpose of hearing objections and complaints with respect to the said budget, and for the purpose of transacting such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

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PALM BEACH WATER CONTROL DISTRICT ASSIGNMENTS FOR THE YEAR 1999

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SOUTH FLORIDA CONSERVANCY DISTRICT ASSIGNMENTS FOR THE YEAR 1999

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 300-77, Laws of Florida, Act of 1941, the Board of Supervisors of the South Florida Conservancy District has caused to be prepared a budget showing the requirements of the District for maintenance, operations and administration during the year beginning on the first day of October, 1999, and ending on the thirty-first day of September, 2000. Said budget, among other things, shows the amount of Maintenance Assessments per acre necessary to be levied upon the lands within said District for the year 1999.

The said budget is now on file and may be examined at the office of the Secretary of the District in Belle Glade, Florida. The Board of Supervisors of the South Florida Conservancy District will meet at 1:45 P.M., Wednesday, May 12, 1999, at the office of the Secretary of the District in Belle Glade, Florida, for the purpose of hearing objections and complaints with respect to the said budget, and for the purpose of transacting such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

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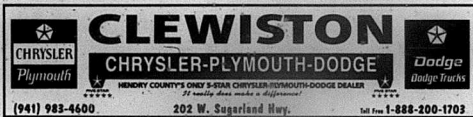
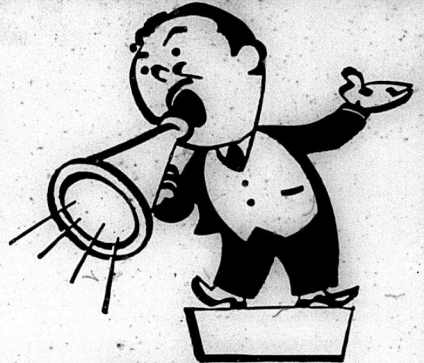
PALM LAKE WATER CONTROL DISTRICT ASSIGNMENTS FOR THE YEAR 1999

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Supervisors of the Palm Lake Water Control District, organized and existing under the Laws of Florida, and embracing lands within Palm Beach County, has caused to be prepared a budget showing the requirements of the District for maintenance, operations and administration during the year beginning on the first day of October, 1999, and ending on the thirty-first day of September, 2000. Said budget, among other things, shows the amount of Maintenance Assessments per acre necessary to be levied upon the lands within said District for the year 1999.

The said budget is now on file and may be examined at the office of the Secretary of the District in Belle Glade, Florida. The Board of Supervisors of the Palm Lake Water Control District will meet at 10:45 A.M., Wednesday, May 12, 1999, at the office of the Secretary of the District in Belle Glade, Florida, for the purpose of hearing objections and complaints with respect to the said budget, and for the purpose of transacting such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

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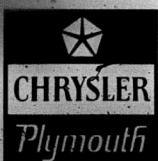
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1999 Black Gold Jubilee Schedule of Events

Events Held Saturday, April 17

Children's Fishing Contest
Harvest Queen Pageant
Night Golf Tournament
Jubilee Dance

See this week's issue of The Sun for highlights of these events.

Events Held Tuesday, April 20

Gospel Sing at
Community United Methodist Church

See this week's issue of The Sun for highlights of this event.

Events Held Saturday, April 24

7:30 a.m. - **5K Walk/Run**, Belle Glade Golf Course

9:00 a.m. - **Volleyball Tournament**, Belle Glade Marina Pavilion

10:00 a.m. - **Jubilee Parade**, begins at Avenue L

Noon 'til 6 p.m. - **Kids' Korner, Arts & Crafts, Food**, Belle Glade Marina

Entertainment

12 p.m. - Glades Day School Chorus, Entertainment Tent
12:30 p.m. - Holly Mohnney, Entertainment Tent
1 p.m. - Hi Energy Dance Team (PHS), Entertainment Tent
1:15 p.m. - Dalton's Karate Kids, Pavilion Deck
1:30 p.m. - Keyboard Recital (First Baptist), Entertainment Tent
1:45 p.m. - Deena's Twirlers, Pavilion Deck
2 p.m. - Presentation of Harvest Queen and Court,
1998 Little Mr. & Miss and Court and
Parade Winners, Entertainment Tent
2 p.m. - Denim & Lace Dancers, Pavilion Deck
2:30 p.m. - First Baptist Chorus, Entertainment Tent
2:45 p.m. - Wellington Twirlers, Pavilion Deck
3 p.m. - Miss Beth's Dance Team, Entertainment Tent

Lakeside Concert Stage

3:30 p.m. - Artie Ketcham
4:15 p.m. - Nicole Niles
5:30 p.m. - Jeff Carson
7 p.m. - Kaylee Schlechter
7:15 p.m. - Tracy Mikell
7:45 p.m. - Julie Temple
8:15 p.m. - Emily Cavinee
8:45 p.m. - Fireworks over Lake Okeechobee

Black Gold Jubilee Children's Activities

1 p.m. - **Egg & Spoon Race**
Age groups 4-6, 7-9, 10-12
2 p.m. - **Parent/Child Three Legged Race**
Children, bring a parent or an adult 18 yrs. or older to enter this race. Age groups 4-6, 7-9, 10-12
3 p.m. - **Baby Crawl Contest**
Baby should not be walking yet to enter.
4 p.m. - **Water Balloon Toss**
Bring a partner. The oldest of the couple will determine which age group you will compete in.
Age groups 4-6, 7-9, 10-12.
5 p.m. - **Muck Eating Contest**
Bring a nice appetite for...MUCK?!
Age groups 4-6, 7-9, 10-12

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Mayor's Welcome



Dear Citizens:

Welcome to our 21st Anniversary of Black Gold Jubilee celebrating "Spirit Of The Glades". Our motto states that her soil is her fortune, however, we must recognize that our people are our future.

It is in this *spirit* that we celebrate God's bounty and blessings from our rich soil which produces food to feed the world to the heritage of humanity and love that has made the people of the Glades so special. We have much to celebrate. As a community we have achieved much, how ever, we must continue to challenge ourselves and our children to grow and prosper in all things that are good, righteous and honorable. We must understand that many have struggled and sacrificed for us and it is our duty to continue this noble tradition.

As we celebrate "Spirit Of The Glades", let's do so with pride, joy and humility, understanding our responsibility to the future.

Once again, welcome and thank you.

D. Bill Mathis
Mayor of Belle Glade

Chairman's Welcome



On behalf of the 1999 Black Gold Jubilee Committee, I would like to invite you to join in the annual harvest celebration on the shores of beautiful Lake Okeechobee in Belle Glade. This year's logo expresses the *Spirit Of The Glades* as demonstrated in the silent grace and extreme pride of an eagle as it soars high above the shallow waters of the lake and over the fertile fields that have sustained many generations of Glades families.

The '99 Jubilee Booklet brings you a few examples of the kindness and generosity of the people of the Glades, as well as a collection of short stories and words of wisdom that have passed from generation to generation in the Glades. When residents are asked what we like most about the Glades, we most often reply "it's the people". This *Spirit of the Glades* can be attributed to our faith in God, our appreciation for the rich Glades soil that, directly or indirectly, has provided many of us with our livelihood, and a sense of family that only comes from living in a small town like ours.

The Jubilee offers something entertaining for everyone, and for all ages. Come and enjoy the athletic tournaments, beauty contests, children's fishing contest, photo contest, parade, arts & crafts, gospel music, art exhibit, Glades style food; children's games and activities, entertainment by the community's own best musicians, vocalists, and performers, Palm Beach County's own Artie Ketcham and Nicole Niles, and nationally known country music artist Jeff Carson.

Many thanks to the City of Belle Glade, Black Gold Committee volunteers, local clubs and organizations, and to each and every individual and business that contributed toward the presentation of the 1999 Black Gold Jubilee.

Please come, enjoy, and experience - *The Spirit of the Glades*.

Dianne D. Carter
Jubilee Chair



The Belle Glade City Commission welcomes you to the Black Gold Jubilee and hopes you and your family enjoy this full day of entertainment. Shown, from left are Commissioner Clay Connell, Vice Mayor Harma Miller, Mayor D. Bill Mathis, Commissioner Mary Ross Wilkerson and Commissioner Steve Weeks.

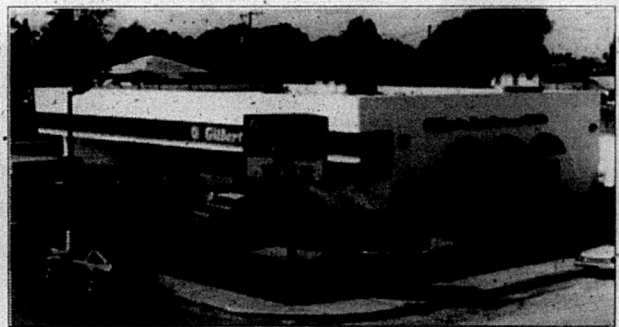
History of the Jubilee

Originated and named in 1978, Black Gold Jubilee was created to celebrate the uniqueness of the Glades area. Our fertile "Black Gold" soil supports a huge winter vegetable operation and the largest sugar production in the nation.

The annual event is always scheduled as close as possible to the city's April 9, 1928 incorporation date. Although many changes have been made in the Jubilee, it remains one of the best family-oriented and entertaining celebrations in the Glades.

The Black Gold Jubilee Committee and the City Commission invite you to come out and enjoy *The Spirit of the Glades*!

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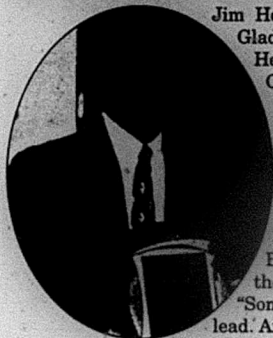


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Citizen of the Year James Herring, Jr.



Jim Herring says anyone who doesn't live in the Glades just doesn't know what they're missing.

He expressed his gratitude to the Belle Glade Chamber and an audience of over 250 at the 34th Annual Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet after being named the 1998 Citizen of the Year.

Presenter Dr. Don Fliehs described Mr. Herring as the ultimate leader, "one who has had a tremendous impact on our community."

Mr. Herring is CEO of the Larry Royal Family Businesses, one of the largest corporations in the Glades.

"Some people are just born to lead. Some learn to lead. And others reluctantly lead because their community needs them," said Dr. Fliehs. "Our 1998 Citizen of the Year is a combination of all three. Over the last 20 years he has made substantial contributions of his time and talent to virtually every aspect of our community life here in the Glades," said Dr. Fliehs. Jim Herring was lauded as a fierce competitor and a talented four-sport athlete who in high school seemed to thrive on the challenges that sports presented. He graduated Valedictorian of the Class of 1973 at Glades Day School, as well as Most Outstanding Athlete. He received a degree in Business Administration from Stetson University in 1977 and after college returned to Belle Glade to

marry his high school sweetheart, Dianne Mills.

He is a past president of the Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce and a former member of the Glades General Hospital Board of Trustees. He is a member and past president of the Belle Glade Rotary Club and he and his family attend the Belle Glade Alliance Church. He is a Little League coach, having volunteered his services to the Glades Youth Baseball League for the past nine years.

Mr. Herring was also the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Glades Day School from 1990 to 1996. "His extraordinary vision and courage brought Glades Day School from a period of uncertainty to a time of record enrollment and financial stability," said Dr. Fliehs. Programs Mr. Herring implemented helped the school see unprecedented capital improvements, an explosion in enrollment to record levels, and the successful completion of an historic merger with the former Christian Day School. "This community today enjoys a healthy and vibrant Glades Day School because of the contributions and leadership of this special man," said Dr. Fliehs.

Jim and Dianne have two children, Michelle, who is in her first year at Valdosta State University, and Blake, an 8th grader at Glades Day School, who is following in his father's footsteps.

Former Citizen of the Year recipients

1968 - J. Avery Bass	1983 - Bubba Mock
1969 - George Wedgworth	1984 - Frank Teets
1970 - Robert E. Lee	1985 - Dean Jones
1971 - Robert E. Mathews Jr.	1986 - Dr. Effie Grear
1972 - Robert E. Hotard	1987 - Thomas L. Altman
1973 - James A. Ball, Jr.	1988 - John O. Schlechter
1974 - W. C. Taylor	1989 - Mary Orsenigo
1975 - Ruth Wedgworth	1990 - Carmina Murray
1976 - Frank C. Anderson	1991 - Dr. J. R. Orsenigo
1977 - Francis R. (Dolly) Hand	1992 - Larry Royal
1978 - George L. Royal	1993 - Mercedes Robinson
1979 - Sam L. Lovell	1994 - Homer Hand
1980 - Sandra Chamblee	1995 - Horace A. "Bo" Austin
1981 - Fritz C. Stein, Jr.	1996 - J. Stephen Weeks
1982 - Abbie Zumph	1997 - Buddy Sizemore

Previous Themes of the Black Gold Jubilee

- 1978-1981 - Annual Salute to the Soil and End of Harvest
- 1982 - Wonderful Soil - Bountiful Harvests
- 1983 - Citizens and Agricultural Community
- 1984 - Sweet Success
- 1985 - Fruits of Our Labor
- 1986 - Salute to the Children
- 1987 - Farmers - Our Heritage, Our Future
- 1988 - Celebration of Progress
- 1989 - Making Dreams Grow
- 1990 - A Land Remembered
- 1991 - Flavor of the Glades
- 1992 - Flavor of the Glades
- 1993 - Her Soil is Her Fortune
- 1994 - Her Soil is Her Fortune
- 1995 - Our Hometown Paradise
- 1996 - Celebration on the Lake
- 1997 - Celebration of the American Family
- 1998 - Legacy of the Land
- 1999 - Spirit of the Glades

Farm Bureau Farm Family of the Year The John L. and Jane B. Evans Family

A family who helped organize South Bay Growers, Inc. in 1947 was honored at the Western Palm Beach County Farm Bureau Banquet last September as the 1998 EAA Farm Family of the Year. Jane Evans and her late husband, John L., were presented the coveted award by long-time friend Sandra Chamblee.

John L. and Jane moved to the Glades in 1936 when 24-year-old John was called by his Uncle B.G. Smith and told there was a field foreman's job open. The couple settled in Bean City and bought acreage where they grew vegetables. Jane would load vegetables into the car and peddle produce from Pahokee to Clewiston.

In 1943, John L. formed a partnership with Billy Rogers, and the two men farmed together for 16 years. When South Bay Growers, Inc. was organized in 1947, John L. was one of the founders.

After John L.'s untimely death at the age of 47, Jane continued farming and went on to become a charter member in the Sugar Cane Growers Cooperative. At the age of 87, Jane is still active in her church, sorority, and in farming. Her son, John Brown, manages the farm and still lives on the homeplace in Bean City. Grandson Caleb also works on the farm, and granddaughter, Heather, is a senior at Vanderbilt University in Nashville. She hopes to enter medical school next year and become a doctor.



The 1998 EAA Farm Family of the Year was the John L. and Jane B. Evans family. Shown is Jane Evans, her son, John Brown and grandchildren Caleb and Heather.

Previous Farm Bureau Farm Family of the Year

- 1986 - The Joe Orsenigo Family
- 1987 - The Robert Simonson Family
- 1988 - The Clarence Pate Family
- 1989 - The Fritz Stein Family
- 1990 - The Ruth Wedgworth Family
- 1991 - The Clark Hull Wilkinson Family
- 1992 - The Mary Schlechter Family
- 1993 - The Lewis Friend Family
- 1994 - The James Chamblee Family
- 1995 - The Billy Rodgers Family
- 1996 - The E.L. Pope Family
- 1997 - The Joseph & Robert Hatton Family
- 1998 - The John L. and Jane Evans Family

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Industrial Man of the Year Gary M. Crews



A life-long resident of the Glades was named the 1998 Agri-Industrial Man of the Year at the annual Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet. Gary Crews was presented the award by Dr. Joseph Orsenigo, who honored Mr. Crews by saying, "This award recognizes his professional contributions to Glades Agri-business and his personal contributions to our community at large."

Mr. Crews began his agricultural career 26 years ago. He has advanced through the management ranks of A. Duda & Sons, Inc., and is currently the Sugarcane Farm Manager. He is responsible for a highly productive program on more than 10,000 acres of sugarcane and has also served the sugar industry as a member of the Joint Variety Development Committee. He is a member and former director of the Western Palm Beach County Farm Bureau and a director of the Gladeview Drainage District. He has coached Glades Youth Baseball for eight years and for six years served as president of the League's Executive Committee. He is a former trustee of Glades Day School.

Mr. Crews and his wife, Renie Jo have a daughter, Lindsay, and a son, Lane.

Deputy of the Year Sheriff Philip Dimola



Lauded for his caring and concern for others, Deputy Sheriff Philip Dimola is the 1998 Sheriff's Deputy of the Year. Officer Dimola was presented the award at the 1998 Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet by his boss, Capt. Gary Frechette, who noted that on more than one occasion the officer's name had come across his desk in reference to his investigative talents and accomplishments within the community.

"On all cases assigned to you," said Capt. Frechette, "more than not, they were cleared by arrest and stolen property recovered." Officer Dimola was also credited with his ability to relate to others in distress when he managed to calm a potential suicide victim and defuse the situation.

Deputy Sheriff Dimola and his wife, Barbara, have two daughters, Brittany and Danielle. He has worked at the District Five Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office in Belle Glade since 1989.

Police Officers of the Year

Lt. Lee Kielman and Det. Kevin Kuschel



In an unusual announcement, two men were named Police Officers of the Year for the Belle Glade Police Department. Lt. Lee Kielman and Det. Kevin Kuschel were both chosen for "the highest professional standards and dedication to duty," according to presenter Inspector Louis Lowery.

Lt. Kielman has been with the Belle Glade Police Department for almost 30 years. He served in the United States Air Force from 1963 to 1967, obtaining the rank of staff sergeant. After his discharge he served with the Manchester Police Department until 1968, when he was employed by the Federal Bureau of Investigations. He started his career with the Belle Glade Police Department in 1969 and moved up through the ranks. He was promoted to police sergeant in August of 1976, and was placed in command of the Communications/Identification Division where he also served as Evidence Custodian for the department. He has been recognized as a fingerprint expert in the Criminal Court of the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit in Palm Beach County. Lt. Kielman has received numerous awards and accolades during his tenure at the department.



Det. Kuschel, 27, is a graduate of The King's Academy in West Palm Beach and served as a Reserve Officer with the West Palm Beach Police Department. He is a native Floridian, having been born in Jupiter.

He began his employment at the department in 1993 as a patrol officer and was promoted to the rank of detective in July of 1995. He has been assigned to the criminal investigation division and was named the Police Officer of the Month for the department in 1998.

Det. Kuschel and his wife, Danielle, are expecting their first child in May.

The 1999 Black Gold Jubilee
Celebrating the
Spirit of the Glades



Firefighter of the Year Hugo Antonio Matos



Volunteer Firefighter Hugo Antonio Matos was named the Firefighter of the Year at the annual Chamber banquet.

Fire Chief Steve Rice said Mr. Matos was a dedicated firefighter, "who is a valuable asset and true friend to our community. He volunteers countless hours to assist the citizens of our community in their time of need," said Chief Rice.

Mr. Matos came to the United States with his family when he was three years old. He is a graduate of Christian Day School and later attended Palm Beach Community College. He is currently employed as a supervisor for Palm Beach Aggregates. Mr. Matos has been volunteering his time and talents to the Belle Glade Fire Department since 1995 and has responded to hundreds of calls. He has completed many training courses and received many awards, including the Highest Volunteer Response Award.

He is single and has lived in Belle Glade for 31 years.

Community Pride Award The Star Barber Shop



Wendy Ramos is a young woman who is thriving in what used to be a man's profession. At age 22, Wendy is the owner and sole operator of Five Star Barber Shop, located at 9 East Canal Street South, Belle Glade.

She says business has been great since she opened a year ago and an added bonus was receiving the Community Pride Award at the 1998 Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet.

Wendy and her family repainted the outside, and made major renovations to the inside of the building, including retiling the floors, redoing the electrical system, putting in new windows and painting.

They plan to continue to improve the site and also fix the parking area. "I love doing this," said Wendy, "and because of word of mouth, business has been great!"

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Tree climbing is not one of the activities at Black Gold, but these children seemed to be having a good time at last year's Fishing Contest.



Entertainer/Singer Dennis Lee entertained the crowd at last year's Jubilee.



The Children's Fishing Contest was held last Saturday. See our front page for photos and story.

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1999 Jubilee Entertainment

Local Talent will Perform on Lakeside Concert Stage

Local talented artists will perform on the Lakeside Concert Stage at 7 p.m. after Jeff Carson's performance.

Ten-year-old **Kaley Schlechter**, daughter of Bill and Jeana Schlechter, will be on stage from 7 to 7:15 p.m. In addition to her singing talents, Kaley has held numerous titles, including Little Miss Black Gold, Little Miss Miami, Little Miss Palm Beach County and Florida State Cinderella Tot Queen. She was also a finalist on the national level at the Little Miss Citrus Pageant. Kaley began singing at the age of three. She has performed at the Miss America Preliminaries and at various churches and weddings. She was a big hit at last year's Jubilee when she performed two songs.

Tracy Mikell will take center stage at 7:15 p.m. Tracy performed at last year's Jubilee and was asked to return by popular demand. She is the Administrative Assistant at Glades General Hospital and she and her husband, Lee, have a son, Dennis, who is five. Originally from the west coast, Tracy performs at festivals, weddings and in churches. Locally, she has participated in the Living Christmas Tree for several years and has performed in the Black Gold Jubilee Gospel Sing.

Julie Temple will perform at 7:45 p.m. on the Lakeside Concert Stage. Julie has a powerful voice and a dedication to the Lord that is evident in her music. She performed at last year's Jubilee. Julie is a member of the First Baptist Church in Belle Glade where she is active in music and children's ministries.

Emily Cavinee will finish out the Jubilee's entertainment schedule by performing from 8:15 to 8:45 p.m. on the Lakeside Concert Stage.

A resident of Belle Glade until 1993, Emily now resides in Wellington. A graduate of Glades Day School, she was the 1995 Harvest Queen. The daughter of Kenny and Darlene Cavinee, Emily began singing in the Glee Club in the 7th grade. She now sings at weddings, pageants and whenever she is able to accompany local talent. Emily is a graduate of Palm Beach Nail School and now works at Salon Malise. She enjoys a variety of music from country to pop and rock and her favorite artist is Celine Dion.

The Jubilee Committee encourages everyone to grab a lawn chair and plan to watch all the great local entertainment leading up to the fantastic fireworks finale at dusk.



A large crowd enjoyed the Sunset Deck entertainment last year and stayed for the spectacular fireworks at dark.

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The Black Gold Jubilee Executive Board



The Board of Directors for the Black Gold Jubilee are shown above. Front row, from left are Secretary Brenda Bunting, President Dolly Hand and Jubilee Chair Dianne Carter. Standing, from left are Treasurer Brian Lohmann, Vice President Kenny Cavinee, Commissioner Steve Weeks and Board member Carl Seibert.

Celebrating the Spirit of the Glades

Glades Talent to be Showcased in Photography Contest

The beauty of the Glades and its people will be showcased during the fourth annual Jubilee Photography Contest. Sponsored by the Belle Glade Lions Club, the contest drew many entries last year. All photographs must have been taken during the last year in counties surrounding Lake Okechobee.

Photography Contest categories are: Landscape/Still Life, Character, and Nature. Contestants were permitted to submit up to two entries in each category. Last year's winners in each category were as follows:

Landscape/Still Life:

First place: Greadle York
Second place: Dr. Joseph Orsenigo
Third place: Paul Orsenigo

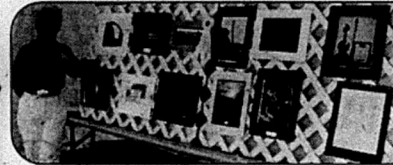
Character:

First place: Alexa Lutz
Second place: Deborah Welch
Third place: Deborah Welch

Nature:

First place: Karen Corbin
Second place: Deborah Welch
Third place: William Fuller

Be sure to stop by the photography booth during the Jubilee and enjoy all the great works from local shutterbugs!



Greadle York is shown at last year's Jubilee with her first place winning photograph. This year, over 50 talented shutterbugs entered pictures in hopes of winning a plaque.

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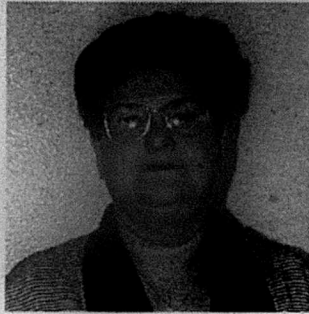
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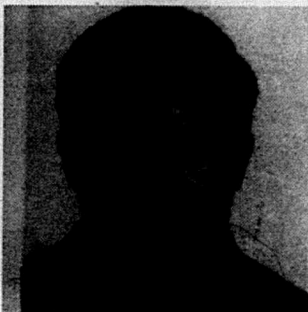
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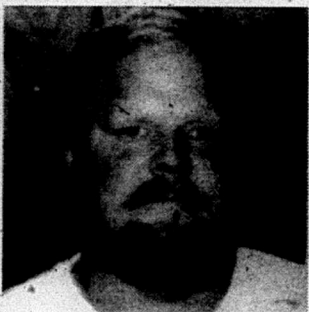
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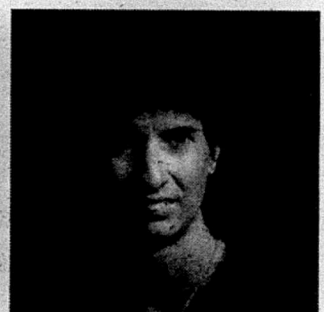
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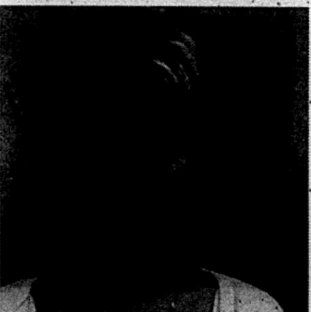
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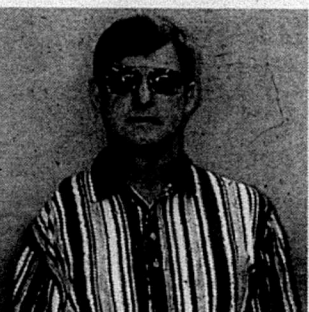
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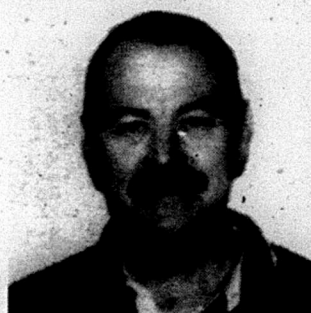
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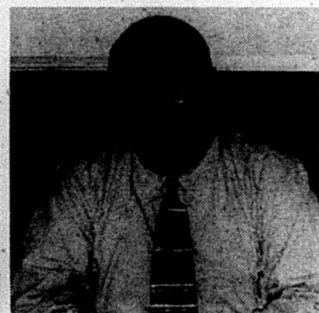
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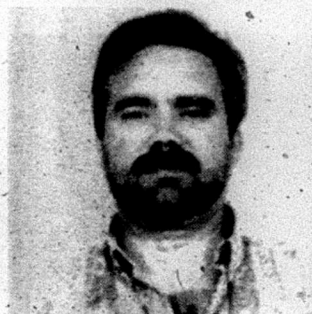
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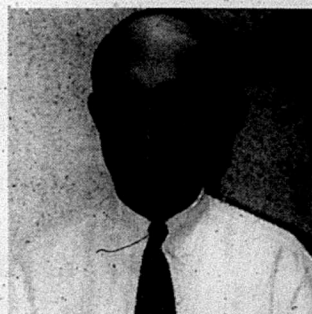
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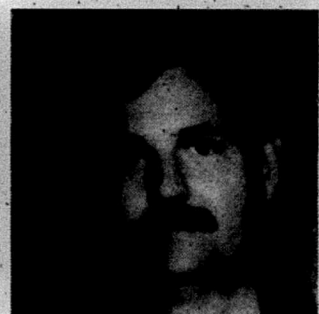
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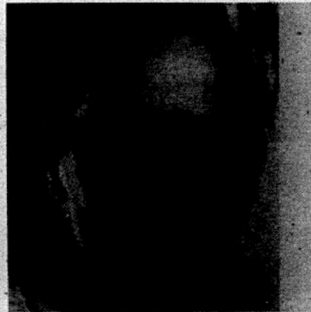
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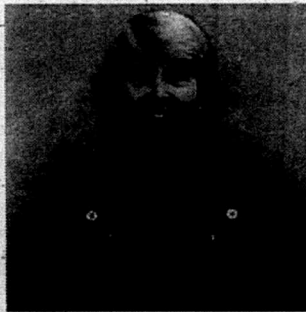
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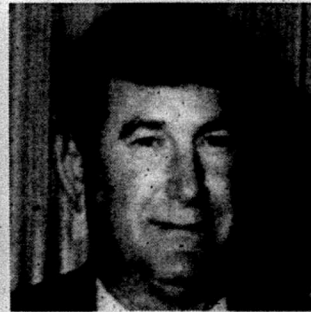
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Harvest Queen Contest

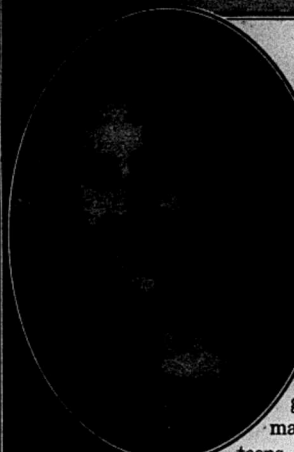
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Donna

is the daughter of Lawrence and Margarita Dixon. She is 5'5" tall and has hazel eyes and brown hair. Donna is a senior at Glades Day School, co-editor of the 99 yearbook, student council secretary, and a member of the senior class play. She is an active member of journalism class. Donna was born and raised in Belle Glade and plans to attend PBCC and major in communications. As Harvest Queen Donna feels she would be a good example for youth. She is sponsored by R.C. Hatton, Inc.

Emily



is the daughter of Wayne & Cindy Reese. She is 5'4" tall and has blue eyes and blonde hair.

Emily is a junior at Glades Day School and is active in cheerleading, a member of the prom committee and participates in Rotary Youth Leadership. Emily plans to attend a state university and pursue a career in elementary education. As Harvest Queen she believes her honesty and good Christian attitude would make a good role model for other teens.

She is sponsored by Big Lake Painting and Sandblasting.

Melissa Salazar



Melissa

is the daughter of Javier and Celsa Salazar. She is 5'2" tall and has brown eyes and brown hair. Melissa is a sophomore at PBCC. She plans to attend Florida Atlantic University and major in education and hopes to open her own day school. She enjoys reading, rollerblading and baby sitting.

As Harvest Queen, Melissa feels that if something needs to be done she can do it. She is sponsored by Everglades Farm Equipment.

Jennifer Leigh Pate



Jennifer

is the daughter of Craig and Paula Pate. She is 5'4" tall and has blue eyes and blonde hair. Jennifer is a senior at

Glades Day School and plans to attend Florida Gulf Coast University.

She enjoys being with friends and exercising. She is a member of the National Honor Society, yearbook staff, journalism and the senior play. As Harvest Queen, she believes as a third generation family in the Glades she wants to help in the growth. She is sponsored by First Community Bank.

Miss Harvest Queen Contestants

Nicolette

is the daughter of Jorge and Tica Rivas. She is 5'5" tall and has green eyes and brown hair. Nicolette is a senior at Glades Day School and is active in cheerleading and ballet. Nicolette was crowned the 1997 Miss Hendry County and is the youngest skydiver to complete the free fall program. She plans to move to Miami and attend FIU majoring in Biochem. As Harvest Queen, Nicolette feels she could set a good example. She is sponsored by Behind the Scenes and Victoria's Restaurant.

Annette

is the daughter of Richard and Leticia Delgado. She is 5' tall and has dark brown hair and brown eyes. She is a freshmen at PBCC and is active in the Hispanic Club, Drama Club, stagecraft and a member of the National Honor Society. Annette loves to work out and enjoys shopping, singing, skating and doing volunteer work. As Harvest Queen Annette, feels her outgoing personality will make her a great queen. She is sponsored by Royals Corp.

Amanda

is the daughter of James and Kendra Snow. She is 5'6" tall and has hazel eyes and brown hair. She is a senior at Glades Day School where she is involved in volleyball and the senior play. She enjoys going to the beach, movies, exercising, snow skiing and spending time with friends. As Harvest Queen, Amanda would be a youth leader in the community. Amanda is being sponsored by Nowlen Holt and Miner, C.P.A.

Melissa

is the daughter of Lesly Connell and Bill Miller. She is 5'7" tall and has hazel eyes and brown hair. She is a junior at Glades Day School. She plans to attend a university and major in communications. Melissa loves to write poetry and draw. She plays volleyball, softball and basketball. As Harvest Queen, she believes she has the qualities needed to represent the Glades. She is sponsored by Badcock Home Furnishings.

See this week's issue of The Sun for the announcement of the Queen and her court

Harvest Queen Contestants



Summer

is the daughter of Allen and Shelly Miller. She is 5'3" tall and has blue eyes and blonde hair. Summer plans to attend a major university and study law. She is a cheerleader, class treasurer, a former member of the National Junior Honor Society and a member of the Gator Glee Club Chorus. Summer enjoys singing, dancing and teaching gymnastics to children. As Harvest Queen, Summer would be honored to represent her hometown. She is sponsored by Okeelanta Sugar Corp.



Mary-Anne

is the daughter of Gene and Rachel Hollingsworth. She is 5'8" and has brown eyes and brown hair. Mary-Anne is a freshman at PBCC majoring in elementary education. She would like to teach kindergarten students. She has been placed on the President's Academic Honor List and enjoys singing and reading. As Harvest Queen, Mary-Anne feels she represents the friendliness of the Glades. She is sponsored by Wedge-worth Farms.



Krystal

is the daughter of Kenneth and Darlene Cavinee. She is 5'4" tall and has hazel eyes and brown hair. She is a senior at Glades Day School and is active in tennis, the senior class play and the work cooperative program. Krystal enjoys going to the beach, shopping, working out and spending time with her family. As Harvest Queen, Krystal believes her outgoing, positive attitude will inspire others. She is sponsored by J.W. Sod Farms.



Amy

is the daughter of Richard Hendricks and Mary Gail Pitcher. She is 5'6" tall and has blue eyes and blonde hair. Amy is a senior at Glades Day School and is active in the student council and a member of the senior class play. Amy plans to attend PBCC and FSU majoring in architecture. As Harvest Queen, Amy believes her honesty, graciousness and leadership qualities would make her a role model for others in the Glades. She is sponsored by Florida Crystals Corp.

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Harvest Queen Contestants

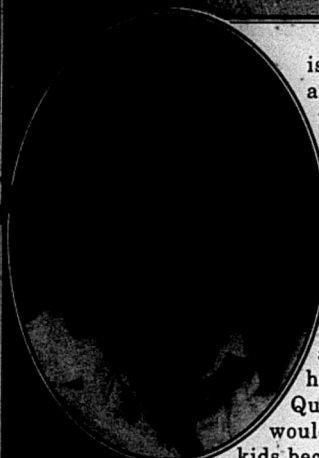
Alvarez



Kelly

is the daughter of Robert and Berta Alvarez. She is 5'2" tall with brown eyes and brown hair. She is a junior at Glades Day School and is active in cheerleading, exercise, water sports and plays the piano. She is a member of the National Honor Society, member of the prom committee and president of the junior class. As Harvest Queen, she considers herself friendly and outgoing. She is sponsored by Gilbert's Jewelers and Gifts.

York



Heather

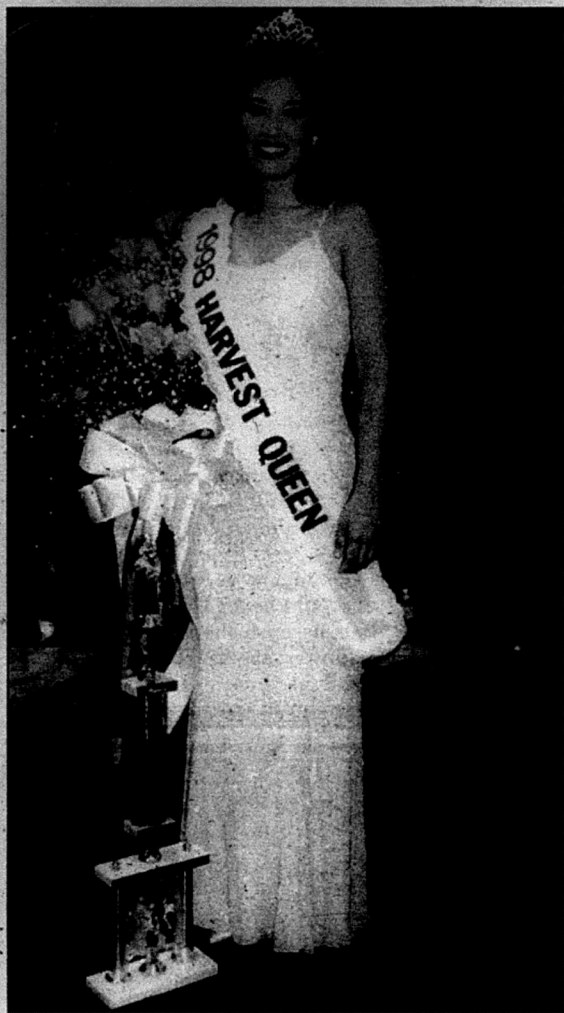
is the daughter of Mike and Twila York. She is 5'4" tall and has blue eyes and blonde hair. She is a sophomore at Glades Day School and is vice president of the sophomore class and a member of the National Honor Society. She enjoys going to the beach and spending time with her friends. As Harvest Queen, Heather feels she would be a good role model for kids because she is very active in the community. She is sponsored by A Duda and Sons, Inc.



1998 Harvest Queen Pageant Winners

From left to right are: Fourth runner-up Donna Dixon; Second runner-up and Miss Congeniality Gina Marie England; 1998 Harvest Queen Brooke Ashley Prescott; First runner-up Denea Marie Wood; and Third runner-up Nicole Rivas. The Pageant was held at the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center Friday, April 24, 1998.

1998 Harvest Queen



Brooke Prescott

the reigning Harvest Queen, will bid farewell and pass the title and crown to the 1999 recipient at the Harvest Queen Pageant scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 17, at the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center. The event, a yearly sell-out, is co-sponsored by the Belle Glade Lions Club and Palm Beach Community College-Glades Campus, and coordinated by Cathy Lee.

A senior at Glades Day School, Brooke is president of the National Honor Society and co-editor-in-chief of the 1999 Gator yearbook. She is also a member of the homecoming court and the Senior Class Play, Captain of the varsity football cheerleaders and was invited to participate on the Outback Steakhouse's All-Star cheerleading squad last December. As a junior, Brooke was the recipient of the William H. Danforth "I Dare You" leadership award. Voted Most Intelligent Senior Girl by her peers, she carries a 4.0 grade point average and has been accepted at FSU, where she plans to major in political science and minor in Spanish, and then enter law school. She is the daughter of Paul and Brenda Prescott.

A Salute to Former Harvest Queens

- 1954 Delores Abbott
- 1955 Gay Schoeppel
- 1956 Mary Belle Schlechter (Ruffalo)
- 1957 Martha Gail Ammond (Normand)
- 1958 Jeanette Buss (Cameron)
- 1959 Paula Parsons (Mock)
- 1960 Karen Cove (Hayes)
- 1961 Barbara Stone (Wood)
- 1962 Ruth Colvard
- 1963 Datsy Crosby
- 1964 Dee Dee Mikovsky
- 1965 Faye Harris
- 1966 Beverly Steele (Carter)
- 1967 Aggie Cressinger (Resmondo)
- 1968 Pat Burkett (Angel)
- 1969 Sandy Winterrowd
- 1970 Susie Royal (Worth)
- 1971 Peggy Baughman (Griffin)
- 1972 Kit Tucker (Sanders)
- 1973 Pat Baker (Miller)
- 1984 Allison Shirley (Hudson)
- 1985 Brandi Shunk (Valentine)
- 1986 Rhonda Hudson
- 1987 Kimberly Griffis
- 1988 Lidia Susann Gray
- 1989 Suzanna Lynn Perry
- 1990 Alexia Sears
- 1991 Cathi Story
- 1992 Stephanie Cavinee
- 1993 Yvette Graydon
- 1994 Stephanie McKinley
- 1995 Emily Cavinee
- 1996 Jennifer Griffin
- 1997 Karen Decastro
- 1998 Brooke Ashley Prescott

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1999 Jubilee Entertainment



Artie Ketcham to Open Concert Stage Show

A talented 19-year-old from Palm Beach County will be opening for headliner Jeff Carson. Artie Ketcham has been singing and wowing audiences since he was just 15 and has made special guest appearances with The Silverado Band at Rhinestones, Jalapeno Harry's & Neighbors, and with other local bands at Country Nights & Honky Tonks, all popular nightclubs in Palm Beach County.

Artie performed at last year's Sunfest and was the opening act for the Marshall Tucker Band at Westfest '98.

This young man has received several awards and acknowledgements, including the 1998 national winner of the Male Vocalist of the Year, Male Entertainer of the Year, Duo of the Year, Songwriter of the Year, and Song of the Year for singers ages 17-20 from the Country Music Organization of America.

He also received the 1996 National Junior Male "Rising Star" of the Year award from the Country Music Association instate competition which was held in Ft. Myers.

In addition to singing, Artie also enjoys acting and was featured in Wellington's 1st Theatrical Productions, Christmas musical, "Lonesome Star - A Cowboy's Christmas." He has also written several songs, including "P.S.S. I Love You" and "Wrangler Jeans."



Reaching for the Stars with Nicole Niles

Nicole Niles is not just another pretty face, but a young lady who has overcome a hearing impairment to become a country music singer. She has been an opening act for such artists as Mark Wills, Suzy Bogguss, Black Hawk, Merle Haggard, The Bellamy Brothers, Wade Hayes, George Jones, Aaron Tippin, Kevin Sharp, David Lee Murphy and Alabama.

At the age of two, Nicole contracted bacterial meningitis. It left her with a moderate to profound hearing loss. It has been a difficult struggle for Nicole to pursue a musical path with a hearing disability, but she has risen above everybody's expectations. In her own words, she says, "Having a hearing disability has its downfalls. One relies on her inner voice, along with vibrations and a keen sense of overall concentration."

In addition to her singing career, Nicole has been involved in beauty pageants, since this is another way to showcase her talents. Nicole held the title of Miss Miami and competed in the Miss Florida preliminary to the Miss America Pageant. Her highest honor was when she was chosen to represent the United States in an international pageant in El Salvador and ultimately became the spokesperson for the League Against Aids Foundation.

Nicole will perform on the lakeside stage on Saturday, April 24.

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Kids' Quotes

The Black Gold Jubilee is a special time for the residents of Belle Glade and its surrounding area to celebrate the culture, talent and resources of the Glades.

This year's theme is Spirit of the Glades, and in keeping with the theme, the Black Gold Jubilee Booklet Committee asked local school children to contribute short stories and/or quotes concerning the pioneer spirit that makes the Glades unique. For instance, were there any hardships their parents, grandparents, or other relatives/friends encountered and how did they overcome them? The response was overwhelming and the booklet could not include everyone, so we asked if we could use some of the wonderful quotes for this Jubilee tab.

Living in a small town has been a tremendous benefit to me. Even though there are not all the conveniences you would find in a large city, small town living offers some qualities you may not find elsewhere. For example friendly relationships with neighbors may be unheard of in a large metropolitan area, but it is very common in a small city. These relationships are what makes life enjoyable. Knowing you have loving friends and a caring community helps to build self-confidence and allows you to have a quality of life that would not be attainable anywhere else.

My parents have taught me that in order to succeed in life, you must be willing to work. It is a creed that I live by and is shared by many people in the Glades. Everywhere around you there are hard-working people who are continuously trying to make a better life for themselves, their families and their community. This dedicated spirit builds resiliency and helps you to endure all the hardships that you encounter as you travel down the road of life. Having to work hard to reach your goals makes success much more fulfilling.

Percy Napier
Glades Central High School

My grandfather tells me to always keep my head up and never give up on my dreams, not to listen to what people are saying about me and to keep a smile on my face.

Elouma Michel
Glades Central High School

My mother always told me that you have to love and respect yourself before you love anyone else.

Antoinette Wilson
Glades Central High School

My grandmother always used to tell me to never give up. She would say that when I think I should give up, I should really keep going, because I have a lot left in me.

William Beckford
Glades Central High School

I've always been told that to have a happy life, work hard and never give up. Never get an attitude and do your part of the job; always give 110%.

Josh Irey
Glades Day School

My grandpa always says, "You're biting off more than you can chew."

Jeffrey Edwards
Glades Day School

Growing up, on a day-to-day basis, I am encountered with, "Learn hard so you can have a better adulthood than us," by my loving parents and grandparents.

Candace Britt
Glades Day School

My mom say to stay out of trouble, write down important notes and don't forget my homework.

Christopher Mendoza
Belle Glade Elementary

I should always behave right and never fight.

Marysol Acosta
Belle Glade Elementary

My parents instilled in me the idea of believing in myself.

Darlisha Johnson
Pioneer Park Elementary

My mother always tells me to be on my best behavior and eat my lunch so I can grow up strong.

Gracieuse Fenelon
Pioneer Park Elementary

Every morning before I go to school my mother reminds me to do all my work and always read a book.

Juana Chaparro
Glade View Elementary

My mother and father have always told me to try hard, to not be bossy and to do my best in school.

Kalyn Rayburn
Gove Elementary

My mom and dad tell me everyday to have respect for everybody and treat them the way I want to be treated

Ruth Renderas
Gove Elementary

I was having trouble in the 5th grade and wanted to quit, when my grandmother sat me down and told me a story about her grandfather and father, who didn't have an education, who had to quit school and work in order to help support their family. She told me to never give up on education because it is very important. She told me to challenge my teacher and I did. After nights of staying up late studying, I mad A's and B's and my grandmother was very proud of me. She encouraged me to try my best and stay in school. I will always remember my grandmother's words in the 5th grade. Challenge your teacher, do not end up without an education. I love her today for that encouragement and I thank my 5th grade teacher for the challenge. Dedicated to my grandmother: Rena Mae McClendon.

Javonte' Lashae Mottley
Lake Shore Middle



Night Golf & Jubilee Dance *Held Saturday, April 17*

Night Golf was held Saturday, April 17 at dark. The tournament format was a best-ball scramble, with teams vying for first, second, and third place prizes.

Once the Tiki Torches were lit and everyone had bathed in Off, the golfers were off with a shotgun start. And, half the fun of Night Golf was watching otherwise talented golfers trying their best just to make contact with the lighted balls and tees.

Equally challenging is trying to maneuver the golf carts through very dark pathways. The tournament was held at the beautiful 18-hole Belle Glade Golf Course on Torry Island Road.

Did you miss the excitement of the Annual Black Gold Jubilee Dance this year? Dance Chair Lyn D Hart says, "We had a great time." There was food and lots of door prizes and a D.J. on hand to play everyone's favorite tunes.

The dance was held Saturday, April 17, at the Drawbridge Cafe, after the Harvest Queen activities at the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center and the Night Golf Tournament.



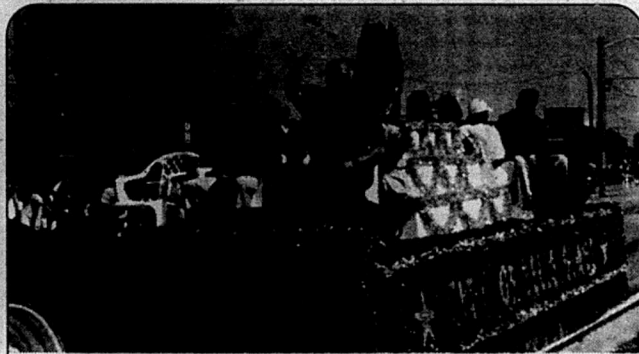
*The Little Mr. and Miss Black Gold Jubilee winners from last year.
The contest will not be held this year.*

Everyone Loves a Parade

Come early, bring a lawn chair and get a good spot to watch this year's "Spirit of the Glades" parade. Parade participants will reflect this year's theme in their entries and the event will feature bands, floats, special folks, and a few celebrities.

Parade Chair Debbie Buff encourages clubs, organizations and businesses to enter a float, decorated car or truck or just bring a banner and walk the route. The line-up is at 10 a.m. on April 24, and will start at Avenue L and move down Main Street. The reviewing stand will be in front of Seminole Supply Company. The parade will conclude at the City Complex.

Anyone seeking additional information on the parade should contact Ms. Buff at 996-0100.



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Children's Fishing Contest

Always a great outing for the entire family, the Jubilee fishing contest was April 17 at the Belle Glade Marina. Hosted by Belle Glade Fire Rescue, this annual event draws hundreds of children to the Marina for a fun-filled morning. Registration begins at 7 a.m. and children from birth to 15 years of age participated.

Children had to bring their own pole, and the firefighters furnished all the bait. Lunch was provided to all participating children free of charge and the Glades Area Association for Retarded Citizens cooked for the adults.

The four age divisions were:

Toddler 0-5 years

Division I 6-8 years

Division II 9-12 years

Division III 13-15 years

The Belle Glade Firefighters held a benefit golf tournament to help fund this event, which provides free gifts to all children who attend as well as trophies for the winners in the four divisions.

The Belle Glade Firefighters extend their appreciation to the many sponsors and volunteers for making the contest a success each year.



Several hundred children participated in the annual Children's Fishing Contest, which was held Saturday, April 17. Each child received a free tackle box, hat and other prizes in addition to a free lunch.

Booklet Dedicated to Chief Michael Miller



This year's Black Gold Jubilee Booklet is dedicated to a man who wears many hats, including husband, father, grandfather and our own Chief of Police and Director of Public Safety, Michael R. Miller. Chief Miller is known and respected for his integrity and dedication to serving the citizens of Belle Glade and his love of this community he has called home all of his life.

Chief Miller graduated from Belle Glade High School in 1969 and from Palm Beach Junior College with an Associate of Arts Degree in Criminal Justice. He began his career with the Belle Glade Police Department in April of 1972 as an Identification Officer. He moved up

through the ranks of the department and was named Chief of Police in 1984 and was promoted to Director of Public Safety in 1988. Chief Miller is a graduate of the 117th Session of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's National Academy and also a graduate of the Florida Executive Development Seminar. He was named the "Police Officer of the Year for 1989" by the Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce and has also received numerous letters and certificates of appreciation for his work in the community. Chief Miller has served on the Black Gold Jubilee Committee since its inception in 1978 and he and his staff have worked tirelessly to make the Jubilee what it is today.

He and his wife, Kathy Whidden Miller, have two children, Brandi Lynn Schoenfeld and Jon Paul. They are also the proud grandparents of Kayla and Kirsten Schoenfeld.

Chief Michael Miller exemplifies the true "Spirit of the Glades" and it is with great pride and honor that the Jubilee Committee dedicates the booklet to him.

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Gospel Sing Held Tuesday, April 20

The Gospel Sing is a highlight of the Jubilee activities. Scheduled for Tuesday, April 20 at 7 p.m. at the Community United Methodist Church in Belle Glade, it featured a variety of gospel music by some of your favorite Glades area talent! Groups included soloists, trios, ensembles and a ventriloquist. Under the direction of Carol Schmidt and with the assistance of Becky Watson, the Gospel Sing is a community event.

During the Gospel Sing, participants paused for the blessing of the soil. This is a special time to give thanks to God for the bountiful harvests of vegetables and sugarcane that the muck soil that the Glades provides.

Our community has been blessed with so much talent and this was a wonderful opportunity to enjoy an inspirational night of outstanding gospel music!



Several teams have signed up to participate in the popular Black Gold Jubilee Volleyball Tournament, which is held during the festivities on Saturday, April 24.

Winning teams are given nice trophies and bragging rights until next year.

5K Walk/Run Kicks off Jubilee Weekend

Last year's 5K Walk/Run was a great success and the Jubilee Committee is expecting another huge turn-out this year.

The Walk/Run begins at the Belle Glade Municipal Golf Course on Bailey's Back Nine on Saturday, April 24 at 7:30 p.m. Registration begins at 6:45 a.m.

Age groups include 14 and under, 15-20, 21-30, 31-40, 41-50, 51-60, and 60 plus. Medals will be awarded to overall walk and run winners, first, second and third place. Plaques will be presented to the business or organization having the largest number of entrants, and to the business or organization having the highest percentage of personnel participating.

The first 75 entrants will receive colorful t-shirts, courtesy of First Community Bank of Palm Beach County, Nelson Gumucio DDS, Maxis Screen Printing, Atlantic Pacific, Torrecilla Jewelry, Glades General Hospital and Boynton Family Farms.



Warming up at last year's 5K Walk/Run.



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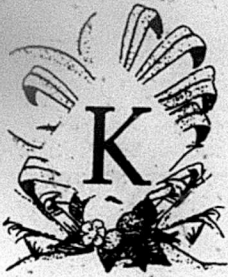
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1999 Jubilee Entertainment

Jeff Carson to Headline Jubilee '99



One of country music's hottest new stars will be the headline entertainer at this year's Black Gold Jubilee. Jeff Carson, a young man born in Tulsa, Oklahoma and reared in northwest Arkansas, has such hits as "Holdin' Onto Something" and the number one hit "Not On Your Love" and "The Car" (which also netted him a prestigious Academy of Country Music Award for the best country video of 1996). Last year, Jeff released his second MCG/Curb project, the critically acclaimed "Butterfly Kisses".

He will be releasing his newest album in September. "I'm really proud of this album," said Jeff. "When we were in the beginning stages, my producer, Max T. Barnes, and I sat down and discussed what direction we wanted this project to take. We both agreed that on my last two albums, the songs that went over best were the more traditional country tunes."

From achingly poignant love ballads such as "One And Only Love" and "Scars And All" (which Jeff co-wrote) to the playful, rollicking strains of such two-step crowd-pleasers as "Land Of The Loving" (a solo writing effort for Jeff) and "Divine Intervention", it becomes quite apparent after the first listen that Jeff and Max have not only stayed within the parameters they set for this album, but have in fact, scored a bullseye.

Jeff plays the bass and the harmonica. After graduating from high school

he honed his musical skills with a local club band for a couple of years and then landed a gig at a theatre in Branson, Missouri. After three years, he decided it was time to take the next step and made the move to Nashville, where he quickly found a job performing at the world-famous Opryland Hotel. Eventually, he began to garner work singing demos for songwriters and quickly became one of Nashville's busiest demo singers.

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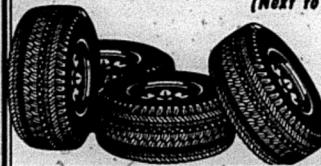
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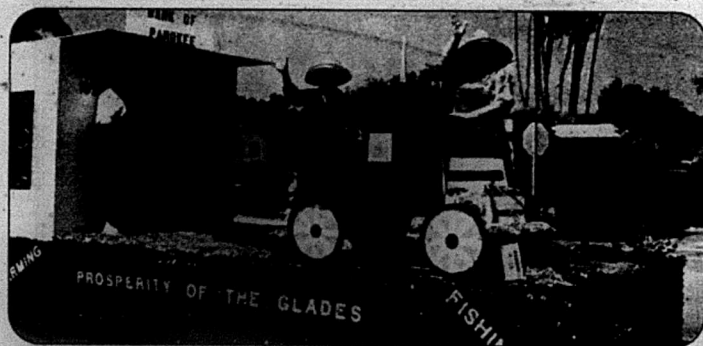
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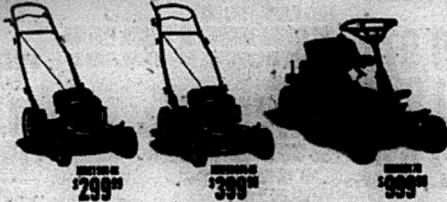
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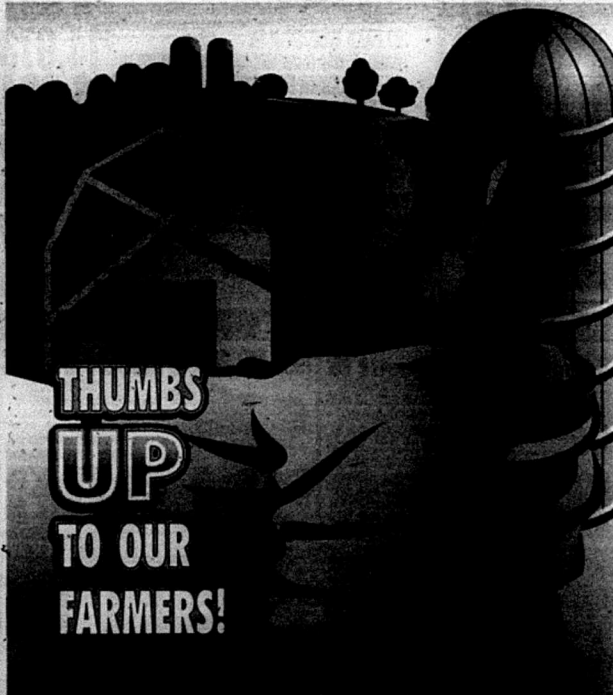
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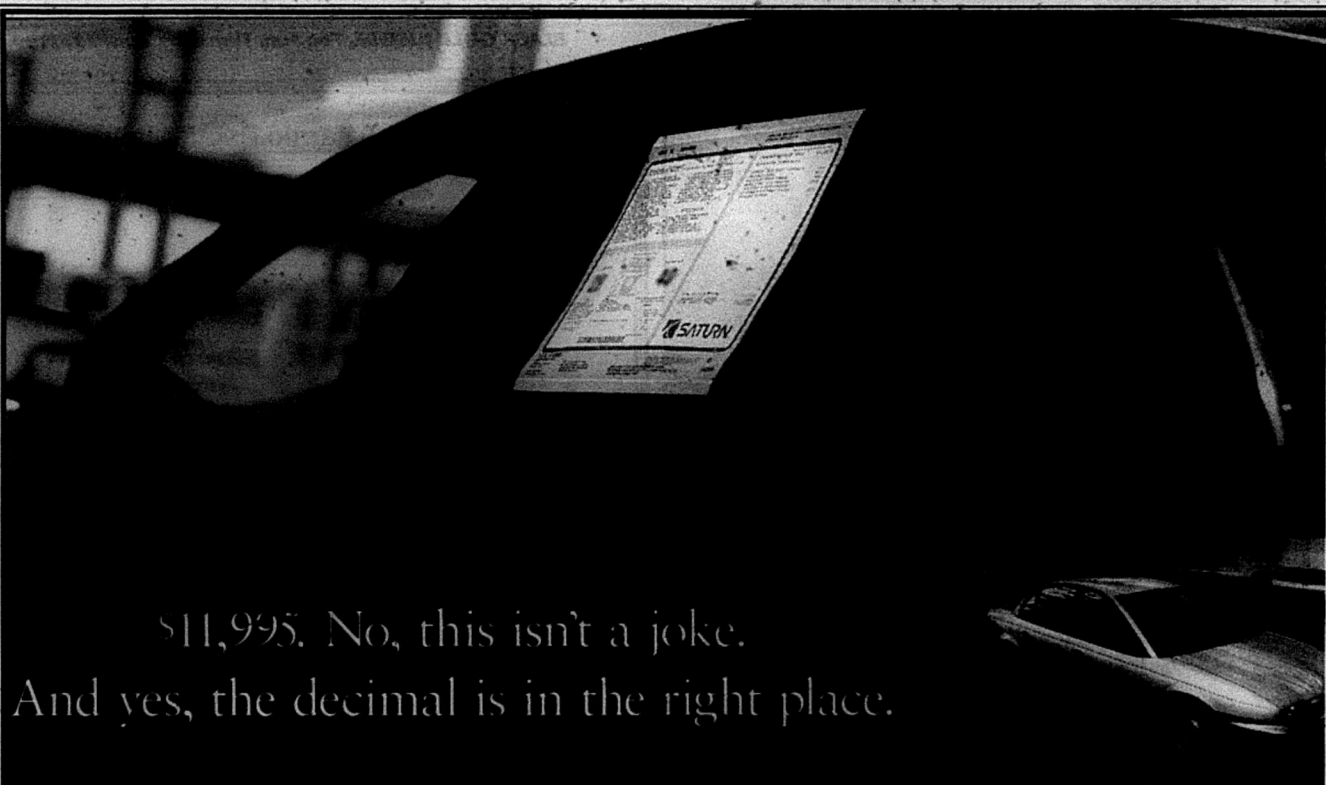
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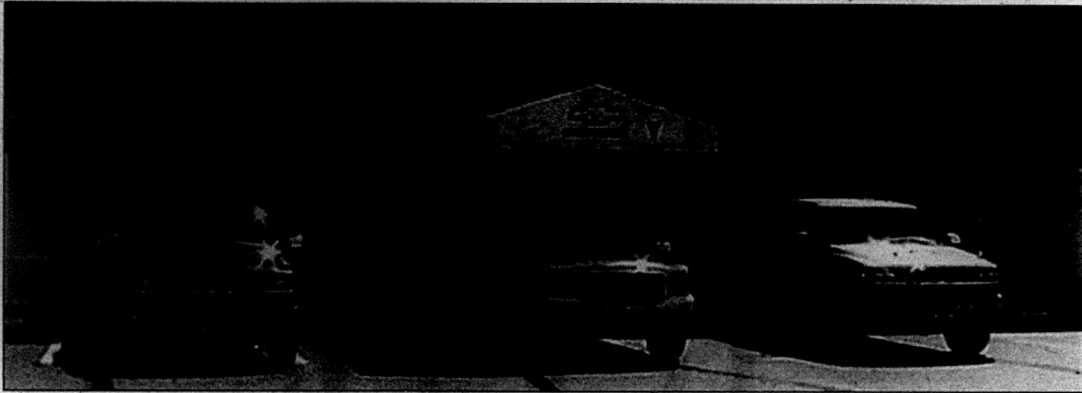
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